

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

March 21, 2024

The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee U.S. House of Representatives 2314 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Jackson Lee,

I am pleased to support the City of Houston's application for Community Project Funding of the Guardians of Central and South-Central: Biking Toward Safety Program. The Guardians' purpose is to build a coalition of stakeholders that work collaboratively with law enforcement to safeguard neighborhoods within the Central and South-Central Divisions as well as build trust between law enforcement and residents through community-focused events.

The program will provide bicycles, helmets, and safety equipment for officers traveling throughout neighborhoods to help increase visibility of law enforcement. This community-friendly approach will connect residents to officers while helping the officers to maintain good physical, mental, and emotional health. The convoy of officers will comprise of several agencies, including Texas Southern University Police, University of Houston Police, Rice University Police, Houston Community College Police, Harris County Precincts 1,6, and 7, and the community service unit for Central and South-Central divisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sallie Olm

Warm regards,

Sallie Alcorn