

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

June 25, 2024

Harris County Precinct 4 Infrastructure Division 1111 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77002

RE: Houston Parks Board - Places 4 People Call 4 Projects Submission - Brays Bayou Greenway Gateways

Dear Commissioner Briones and Team,

I am writing to support the Houston Parks Board's application for the Harris County Precinct 4 Places 4 People Call 4 Partnership Projects to fund the Brays Bayou Greenway Gateways.

Utilizing undeveloped greenspace adjacent to Brays Bayou Greenway, Houston Parks Board proposes the creation of three neighborhood gateways and one trailhead to increase community access to the greenway. The gateways, Ashford Point, Braeburn Glen, and Bugle Road, would include paving, landscaping, benches, and waste receptacles. The Waloon (Wilcrest) Trailhead, located adjacent to Brays Bayou Greenway and at the northern end of the future Alief Trail, would also include a parking lot.

Gateways support positive placemaking that increase stormwater filtration and native flora and fauna. They also improve access to the greenway which has a multitude of benefits including increasing public health, community cohesiveness, and quality of life, while enhancing property values and economic growth. Trails are a key component of our community's infrastructure, contributing to our residents' health and resilience. Connecting trails across our communities enables a network of interconnected parks and trails to enhance community well-being and provide a transportation alternative for everyone.

The Houston Parks Board has been developing and maintaining the Bayou Greenway network since 2012. They have also successfully worked with numerous stakeholders, including Precinct 4, to manage and deliver high-quality park and open space improvements for our region. This project will enhance access to this important community asset amplifying its benefits for surrounding residents.

Sincerely,

Sallie Alcorn