

Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 5

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

RE: Houston Parks Board - Places 4 People Call 4 Projects Submission - Equitable Park Access Study

Dear Commissioner Briones and Team,

I am writing to express my support for the Houston Parks Board's application for the Harris County Precinct 4 Places 4 People Call 4 Partnership Projects to fund an Equitable Park Access Study. This initiative will create a park access analysis process that can be applied to parks throughout Precinct 4, promoting equitable access to these essential community resources.

Parks are a key component of our community's infrastructure, contributing significantly to our residents' health and resilience. Increasing access to existing parks in an equitable manner is an effective strategy to enhance community well-being. By identifying gaps and opportunities in park access, this study will enable more residents to enjoy the benefits of green spaces, such as improved mental and physical health, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability.

Over the years, the Houston Parks Board have demonstrated expertise and commitment to enhancing public spaces for the benefit of all. Their extensive experience in park development, community engagement, and data mapping ensures that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to conduct a thorough and impactful park access study. 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.

We believe that the Park Access Study will not only benefit Precinct 4 but also serve as a model for other communities seeking to improve park access. The results of this study will provide valuable insights and actionable recommendations to create a more inclusive and accessible park system for everyone.

Sincerely,

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