

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 - Spring Branch Trail East

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's Places 4 People Call 4 Partnership Projects to fund the design phase of Spring Branch Trail East.

Spring Branch Trail, when complete, will connect approximately 11 miles between White Oak Bayou Greenway and Addicks Reservoir. Spring Branch Trail East is the last segment to complete the overall Spring Branch Trail. It will connect approximately 2.7 miles from Wirt Road east to White Oak Bayou Greenway.

Trails are a key component of our community's infrastructure, contributing significantly 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 managing the development of Spring Branch Trail. Having conducted community outreach for phases 1 through 4, Houston Parks Board has reached over 1,000 community members and is building a group of Spring Branch Trail supporters. Houston Parks Board has also worked closely with Precinct 4 and other key stakeholders on Spring Branch Trail Phase 4.

Spring Branch Trail will be the first completed connector trail to reach across communities to weave them into our developing interconnected system of parks and trails. Spring Branch Trail will serve as an example of how other communities that aren't along bayous can be integrated into our regional park network.

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