

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE NEIGHBORS

To: Mayor Annise D. Parker and Members of Houston City Council

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2012

Re: Association of Washington Avenue Neighbors Supports the Proposal to Create a Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District

As the President of the Association of Washington Avenue Neighbors, I am pleased to join SN 22's expression of support for the proposed Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District (PBD).

As I expressed in my statement to City Council on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, our neighborhood is negatively impacted by the growth of the number of bars and restaurants with inadequate available parking in close proximity to our homes.

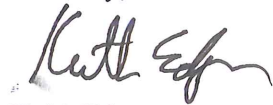
We are in full support of **controlled**, well planned growth along Washington Corridor. The increase in available parking that will be created by the creation of the PBD is a precursor to growth in investment in the Washington Avenue Corridor by businesses and parking providers. The city of Houston will send a strong signal to investors and business owners that it is taking a proactive step in developing feasible solutions to meet the demands of a burgeoning urban area. The growth in business will lead to an increase in taxable revenue generated in the area.

The funds generated by the PBD will greatly benefit our neighborhood. The use of funds will allow for security and neighborhood improvements which will ultimately give us the ability to manage the overflow of traffic in an effective manner and ultimately raise our taxable property values.

In short, the PBD benefits the City as well as businesses and residents, a positive for all stakeholders.

To address the problems I discussed in my statement to city council and for the referenced positive benefits in this letter of support, I strongly request your vote of YES to approve the PBD. Please contact me if you wish to discuss in further detail.

Sincerely,



Keith Edgar

President

Association of Washington Avenue Neighbors