



Old Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association

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The Old Sixth Ward - a residential community in the
heart of Houston since the 1850s

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U.S. Department of the Interior since 1978*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please allow this note to serve as an endorsement of the proposed Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District (PBD) from the Old Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association. The Old Sixth Ward is Houston's first Historic District, and as such, we are committed to preserving the character of our unique neighborhood. It is our view that the Washington Avenue PBD does much to promote and further this concept.

The Old Sixth Ward is located in the eastern end of the Washington corridor, in Council District H. We have been greatly affected by the rapid and concentrated development in our area and all along Washington Avenue. This increased development and the increased population has brought with it a 32% increase in non-violent crime in our area. We feel that this issue must be addressed, and that the establishment of a Parking Benefits District will go a long way toward addressing it.

We also believe that the creation of a dedicated revenue source for community projects will benefit all of the stakeholders along the Washington Avenue corridor, including residents, business owners, developers and patrons. The funding that will be generated through a Parking Benefits District can contribute to improved security, better lighting, walkable sidewalks and many other amenities that will enhance the safety of our neighborhood, while increasing its attractiveness as an entertainment hotspot. Washington Avenue cannot become a desirable destination if it is not a safe place to be, and the Washington Avenue PBD can help us to sustain the viability of our neighborhood in this way.

For these reasons, the Old Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association strongly urges you to approve the proposal of the Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District, and we look forward to the benefits that its implementation will bring.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Vossler
President, Old Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association