

November 29, 2012

To: Mayor Annise Parker and All Houston City Council Members

From: Rice Military Civic Club

Please allow this letter to serve as an endorsement of the proposed Washington Parking Benefit District (PBD) from the Rice Military Civic Club.

RMCC is a neighborhood civic organization formed to promote the civic and social welfare of our neighborhood – the area bounded by Washington Ave. on the north, Westcott on the west, Buffalo Bayou on the south, and Shepherd drive on the east. It is our view that the Washington PBD will do much to promote and further this goal.

The Washington Corridor has the potential to become a unique business and entertainment district in our city, but this opportunity is challenged by traffic and parking congestion, a lack of walkable sidewalks, poor lighting, and other concerns.

Our vision for this signature corridor is one with vibrant public spaces and an active street life, and the structure of the Washington PBD creates an exciting opportunity for this type of improvement to our quality of life.

The creation of a dedicated revenue source for community projects will benefit all stakeholders in the Washington area, including residents, business owners, and patrons. This funding can contribute to improved sidewalks, better lighting, more security, and many other amenities that will increase the attractiveness of the Washington Corridor as an entertainment district, which will in turn sustain the viability of the neighborhood.

For these reasons, the Rice Military Civic Club strongly encourages you to approve the proposal for the Washington Parking Benefit District, and we look forward to the benefits its implementation will bring to our community.

Sincerely,

Rice Military Civic Club



Paul W. Hesson
Secretary

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