



**SALLIE ALCORN**  
Houston City Council Member  
At-Large, Position 5

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Michael Regan  
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am pleased to offer my support of the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's (SWMD) Recycling Education and Outreach grant application. Our city is committed to reducing the environmental impacts of solid waste disposal by improving the diversion rate of recyclable materials generated through the solid waste system.

Our SWMD provides residential solid waste collection services to nearly 400,000 households citywide. This includes garbage collection once per week, yard waste/recycling collection every other week, and junk and tree waste every other month. However, it is imperative that our residents play an active role as well. As an at-large council member, I take seriously my commitment of ensuring that all 2.3M Houstonians receive equal access to quality services, educational opportunities, and amenities. With these funds, we support the department's goal of developing an educational awareness campaign focused on engaging disadvantaged communities through cart-tagging programs, waste characterization studies, and direct mailing literature; mass media and social media public service announcements; collaborating with community partners; and updating the SWMD webpage to include user friendly guides promoting recycling best practices. This grant will also help fund education on at-home organics composting and possible partnerships with local compost companies to increase the tonnage of organics diverted from the landfill.

I look forward to your favorable consideration of this request and hope you will approve the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's Recycling Education and Outreach grant application. The \$2,000,000 investment will allow the department to achieve its outreach and educational objectives of raising awareness through public information and community outreach on the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling waste.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallie Alcorn".

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