



February 24, 2026

Office of Commissioner Rodney Ellis
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: Support for Sims Bayou Park Construction (Gulfgate Redevelopment Authority Proposal)

Dear Commissioner Ellis,

I support the Gulfgate Redevelopment Authority's proposal to construct Sims Bayou Park, a new community park envisioned along Sims Bayou in southeast Houston. This initiative represents a meaningful investment in public green space in an area that has historically lacked access to well-programmed parks and recreational opportunities.

Sims Bayou and its surrounding greenway have been the focus of collaborative park and trail improvements supported by entities such as the Houston Parks Board and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, including greenway segments and trailheads funded in partnership with the Gulfgate Redevelopment Authority/TIRZ 8. The proposed Sims Bayou Park will build on this foundation by delivering an accessible, high-quality park that serves as both a recreational asset and a natural amenity for nearby residents.

This park will enhance quality of life by providing a dedicated space for outdoor activity, social interaction, and connection to nature in an under-resourced part of the city. Parks like Sims Bayou Park are proven to yield broad community benefits from improved physical and mental health outcomes to increased neighborhood cohesion and property value stabilization.

The partnership with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department on this project demonstrates a well-coordinated public collaboration that leverages local expertise and resources to deliver lasting public value. With demonstrated commitment from the Gulfgate Redevelopment Authority and its partners, this project is poised to be a transformative addition to the City's park system.

Thank you for your consideration.

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