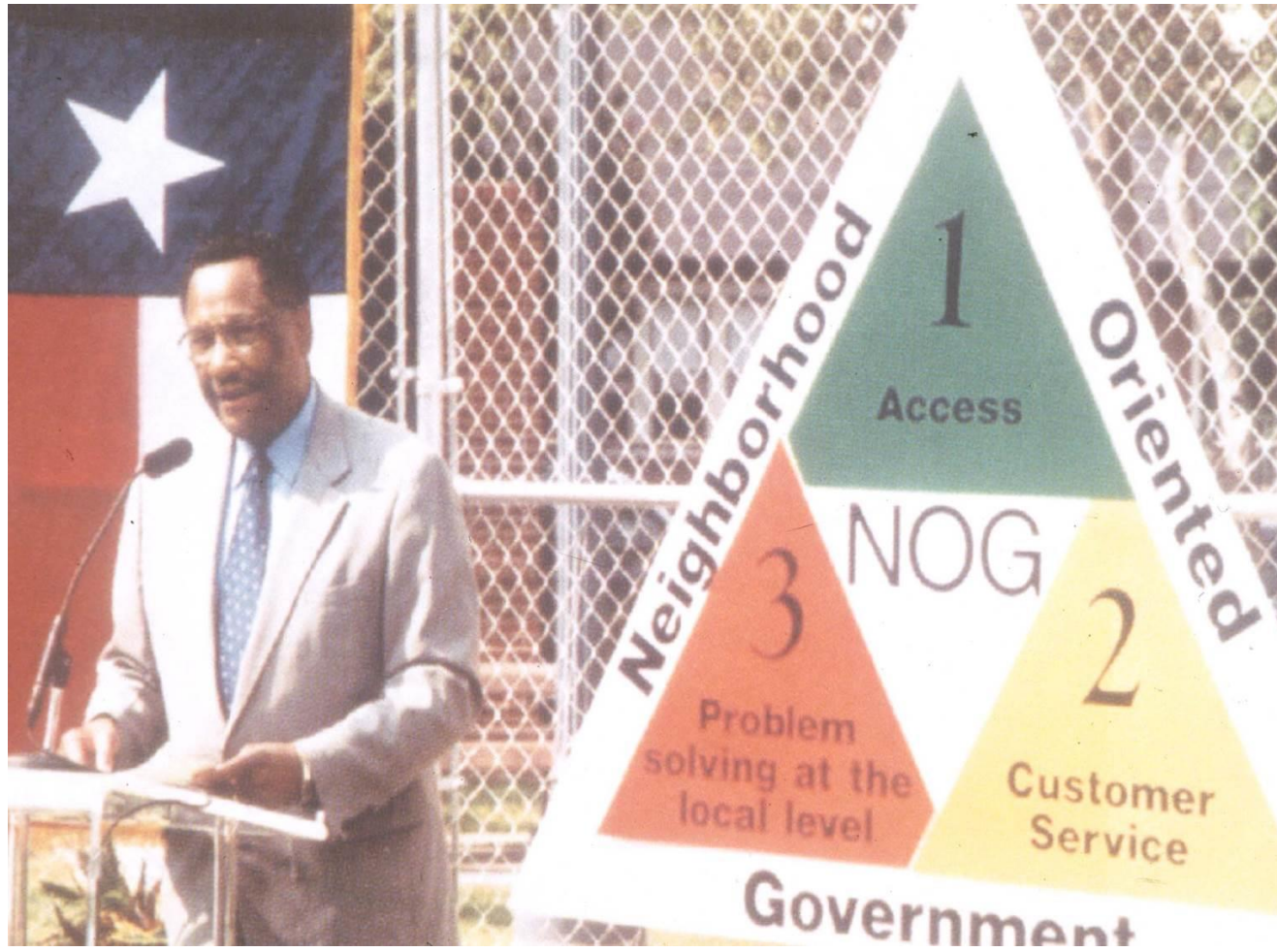


# Houston's Super Neighborhood Program

## **An Introduction**

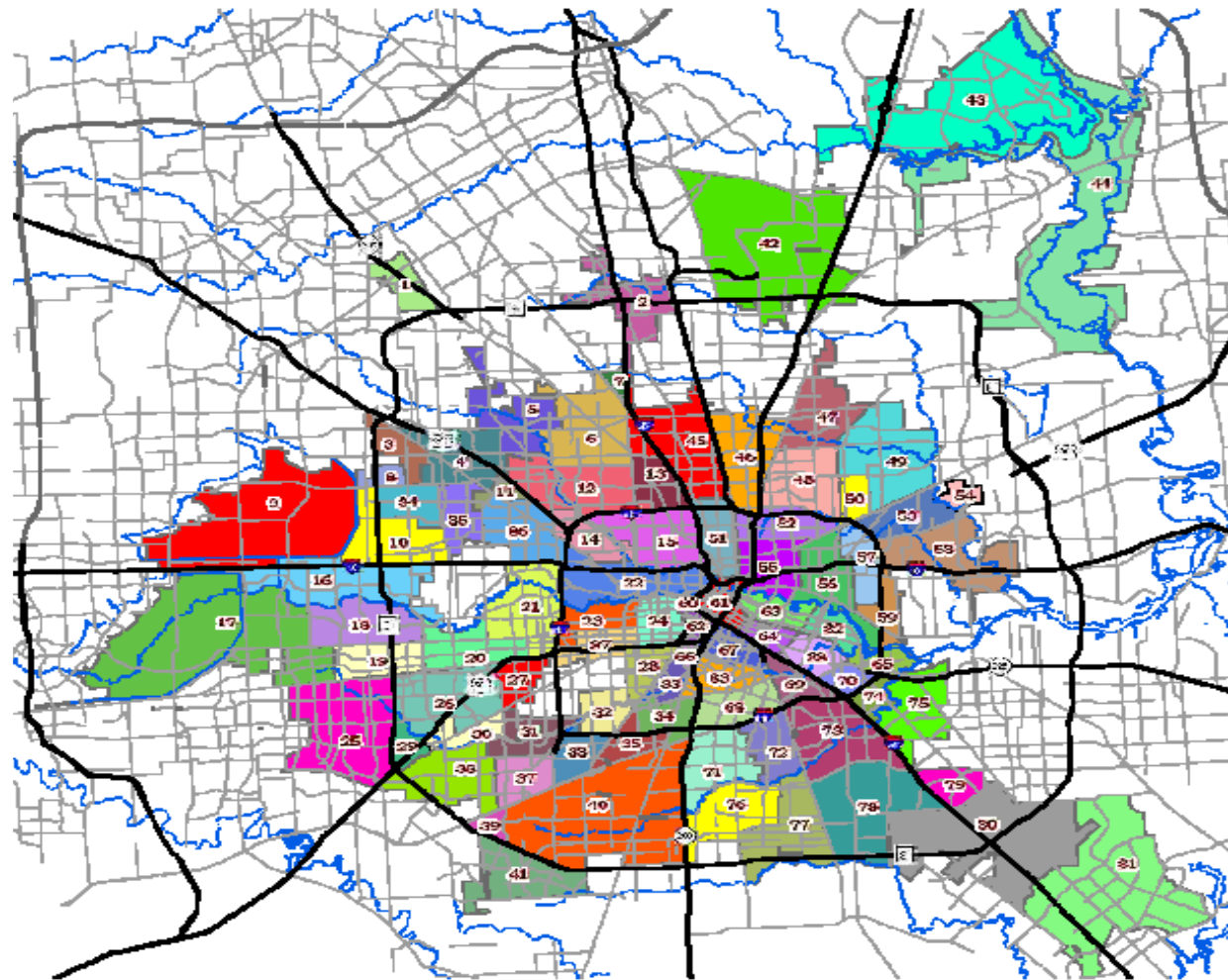
# Origin of Super Neighborhoods Codified in Chapter 33, Article VIII



# Why Are Super Neighborhoods Needed?

- **Challenge:** Residents typically focus on issues impacting narrowly defined neighborhoods; not the city at large.
- **Response:** Super Neighborhoods
  - Encourage residents of neighboring communities to identify, prioritize, and address issues together.
  - Create a manageable, efficient, and economical framework for community engagement & action.

# Map of 88 Super Neighborhoods

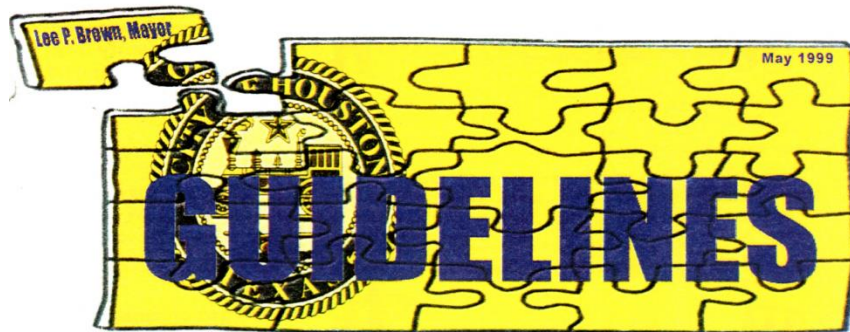




# What is a Super Neighborhood Council?



# Are there Guidelines for Forming a SNC?



for  
**Organizing  
Super Neighborhoods and  
Forming  
Super Neighborhood Councils**

## PROCESS FLOW CHART

The process begins when you submit your completed Super Neighborhood Council Application.



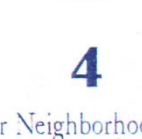
Identify and elicit participation from stakeholders.



Agree on organizational framework for the council.



Formulate and adopt by-laws.



Develop a Super Neighborhood Action Program (SNAP).

The Super Neighborhood Council submits the SNAP to City Council for endorsement of the SNAP and official recognition of the Super Neighborhood Council.

# Sample Goals

## GOALS

### WISH LIST

1. FIX TRANSPORTATION
2. TOO MUCH DENSITY - Revise min Lot size
3. SAVE NATURE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
4. PROVIDE OPEN SPACE - PUBLIC & PRIVATE
5. IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN REALM ON WASHINGTON AVE
6. HIGHER PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION
7. ACCESS TO GOODS
8. OFFSTREET PARKING
9. TRAFFIC CALMING STREET DESIGN
10. HISTORY - Bring to Surface
11. BETTER MIX OF RETAIL/COMM/RESIDENTIAL
12. PROTECT TREES & OPEN SPACE
13. BURY POWER LINES
14. COMMUNITY STANDARDS - ADDRESS DETERIORATING HOMES
15. FIX BLIGHT
16. MAKE IH 45 PARKWAY A REALITY
17. ACCESSIBILITY TO AREA WITHOUT HAVING TO GET IN A CAR
18. SCHOOLS



# Formal Recognition at City Council





# Active SNCs and SNAPS Create Value

- Identify needed improvements
- Educate, inform, and provide institutional memory
- Articulate shared visions for future development
- Prioritize public investment
- Facilitate efficient completion of long term projects
- Encourage consensus to ease public decision-making
- Implement Plan Houston

# What Is the Super Neighborhood Alliance?

City Code Sec. 33-322:

The alliance is an advisory board to the mayor and city government on community *matters and* its purpose is to provide a mechanism for bringing together the voices of the individual super neighborhood councils.



# SNA Priority Issues

- Mobility
  - Safe Streets
  - Sidewalks
  - Transit access
  - Parking
- Flooding and drainage
- Infrastructure
- Crime
- Homelessness
- Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Beautification
- Nuisance Abatement
  - Illegal dumping
  - Abandoned buildings
  - Stray animals
  - Air quality
  - Noise
  - Broken curbs, leaning posts and utility poles

# Meeting with Mayor Turner, and DON Director Francis





# QUESTIONS?



**SUPER**NEIGHBORHOOD

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Communities Lending a Helping Hand