

# SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD 22

## WASHINGTON AVENUE COALITION - MEMORIAL PARK

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**RE: Vision Zero for Houston**

As a member organization of the Houston Complete Streets Coalition, the Washington Avenue - Memorial Park Superneighborhood Council (SN22) encourages the City of Houston to intensify focus on the education of people who ride bikes, people who drive cars, as well as the elected officials and staff working for our citizens.

It is crucial that we work together to alter Houston's current reputation as a car only city:

The number of recreational and commuter bicyclists on the road is increasing, along with the number of cars. Cyclists have a legal right to share the road safely.

We must create a safer environment for all people regardless of transportation mode. Best practices are evolving rapidly across the country. Cities from NYC to San Francisco commit resources across departments - tackling the problem on many fronts. Houston must do the same.

Houston has the potential to be a leading cycling city. People want to ride - 200,000 bikes a year are purchased here and 54% of Harris County residents wish they could ride more. Pro-active leadership on cycling issues will reduce obesity and the associated costly health conditions, reduce congestion, improve air quality, build stronger communities and make Houston a more desirable place to live and work, ultimately making it a more sustainable city. All road users will benefit.

The SN22 Council supports Bike Houston's Vision Zero goal and agrees that working together on **engineering, enforcement and education** we can and must reduce fatalities to zero for all road users and implement a **Vision Zero for Houston**.

Thank you for your consideration,



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