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Hand Delivered

Reference: The Columbia Tap Hike and Bike Trail

Dear Mayor White:

As you are aware, our State Legislature has been called into a Special Session by Governor Perry. I am, therefore, fulfilling my obligations as the State Representative for the constituents of my Legislative District, which includes that portion of the proposed Columbia Tap Hike and Bike Trail that would extend from South MacGregor to Dixie Drive.

In addition to being the State Representative for the residents, I am also a member of the South MacGregor Civic Club (my home is located at South MacGregor and Ardmore). I am, therefore, fully aware of the adverse impact that the proposed section of the Hike and Bike trail (from South MacGregor to Dixie Drive) will have upon our neighborhood, particularly as it relates to crime and the overall welfare of our neighborhood.

Accordingly, please accept this letter as my notice to you as the Mayor of the City of Houston, that I am, along with the South MacGregor Civic Club and other neighborhood organizations, including our churches, unequivocally opposed to any extension of the proposed Columbia Tap Hike and Bike Trail between North MacGregor and Dixie Drive.

However, we have no objections to that portion of the proposed trail extending from Polk St. to North MacGregor, which will allow it to connect to the existing hike and bike trails along Brays Bayou, that connect Hermann and MacGregor Parks.

Thus, I am requesting that YOU take the action necessary to HALT any further efforts by the City of Houston to construct that portion of the proposed Columbia Tap Hike and Bike Trail between North MacGregor and Dixie Drive.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Edwards".

Al Edwards
State Representative District

CC: Honorable Ada Edwards, District D Councilperson
Honorable Shelia Jackson-Lee, Congresswoman
Honorable Al Green, Congressman
Honorable Gary K. Trietsch, P.E., District Engineer, Houston District,
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