



**KARLA CISNEROS**  
Houston City Council Member, District H

January 22, 2020

To the City of Houston Joint Referral Committee:

I write in support of the University of Houston-Downtown's efforts to acquire 0.6868 acres of City of Houston Right-of-Way along a portion of the City's Heights Trail, which they are pursuing through the City's Joint Referral process.

UH-D plans to use this approximately 60' wide by 540' long parcel to optimize the siting of their Student Wellness & Success Center building, which is set to commence design in February 2020. I have been assured that the university's building will maintain an adequate setback from the edge of the City's Heights Trail. Further, the project will provide area lighting, emergency call boxes and cameras along this section of the trail, which will benefit not just the university but the many members of the larger community who use this trail on a regular basis.

Please note that UH-D is also having discussions with TxDOT regarding construction of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP), which as currently designed will require approximately **11 acres of university property**. The anticipated surrender of this property is challenging the university's ability to secure an adequate building footprint for their Wellness & Success Center building. I ask that City departments involved in reviewing the university's request be mindful of this.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call my office at the number below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karla Cisneros".

Karla Cisneros  
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