



HOUSTON HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Resolution of
HOUSTON HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
in Support of
Proposition 1

WHEREAS, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (“HHCC”) is the premier Hispanic organization representing business owners and professionals in the Greater Houston Area and is the leading regional advocate for the economic and civic interests of the Hispanic business community.

WHEREAS, in keeping with the HHCC Strategic Plan Vision 1, Strategy 2: Spearhead the development of Houston-specific solution oriented policies and programs impacting the Houston region,

WHEREAS, HHCC has evaluated and acknowledged that new funding initiatives need to be created for improvements, repairs and maintenance to the City of Houston’s drainage and street infrastructure which is continually challenged to meet the modernized needs of the city.

WHEREAS, according to Renew Houston background information (www.renewhouston.org) over 60% of all drainage and streets are past their useful life; 80% will be past their life in the next 20 years.

WHEREAS, currently, when a street is assigned for re-construction, it takes the city 12 years before the work will commence due to lack of funding.

WHEREAS, Houston’s older drainage systems and streets were not designed and constructed to the same standards and expectations of performance that today’s population requires.

WHEREAS, if passed, Proposition 1 will create a dedicated pay-as-you-go fund for improving and maintaining Streets and Drainage infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the City of Houston has provided the necessary legal assurances to satisfy the concerns of potential future diversions of revenue from the Dedicated Drainage and Street Fund.

WHEREAS, the need for infrastructure improvements has not been effectuated to meet the needs of our businesses and our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has voted to fully support Proposition 1 to amend the City Charter.

HEREBY approved by the Board of Directors, October 2010.