



**GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB**  
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December 4, 2014

The Honorable Ellen Cohen  
Council Member, District C, City of Houston  
901 Bagby  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Council Member Cohen,

As per the request from your office, the Garden Oaks Civic Club mailed out a survey October 22 to all 1415 property owners (in all 5 Garden Oaks sections) regarding the \$18.5 million Shepherd Forest - Garden Oaks Storm Water Drainage Project being proposed for portions of Alba, Golf and Sue Barnett.

Property owners were asked to select a choice of streetscape widths for both Alba and Golf streets, one similar to existing Garden Oaks streets and one a city standard design. Property owners were asked to submit surveys with a postmark no later than November 10.

Out of a possible 1415 surveys, 400 were returned by deadline which is a response rate of 27.4%. Those owners adjoining Alba and Golf streets responded at a rate of 64%.

I would like to formally submit this letter of support for the neighborhood's official results of the survey as follows:

- Overall preference of the majority of property owners were for "no sidewalks" totaled 64% vs. 36% for some sidewalks.
- As for street preferences, 81% of the property owners preferred a 23' street width vs. 19% for a wider street (27'-41'). Of significant note, 90% of the property owners adjoining Alba and Golf streets preferred narrow, no sidewalk streets.

Thank you for your leadership and feel free to contact me at 281-685-8133 with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Sheila Briones, President  
Garden Oaks Civic Club

Copy: Mark Klein, Chair, Government Affairs Standing Committee, GOCC  
Pam Parks, Chair, Storm Water Drainage Ad Hoc Committee, GOCC