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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HOUSTON  
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July 2, 2008

Honorable Ed Emmett  
County Judge  
1001 Preston  
Houston TX 77002

Re: Harris County Participation in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #15 (East Downtown Zone)

Dear Judge Emmett,

~~The City of Houston formally requests that Harris County consider participation in City of Houston Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #15 (East Downtown Zone). The City of Houston created this Zone in 1999 to spur economic redevelopment in the east downtown area. The Zone's original boundaries were Preston, Dowling, I-45 and Highway 59, but were expanded in 2007 to the north and east. Economic redevelopment activity to date has been modest but the City believes that with Metro's East End and Southeast light rail lines traversing the Zone the area would benefit economically if sufficient public investments in infrastructure and development support are forthcoming.~~

City of Houston staff is available to work with the appropriate parties from the County to answer any questions Commissioners Court may have and to draft the appropriate participation agreement. We look forward to working with Harris County to redevelop this portion of Harris County and the City of Houston.

Sincerely,

Bill White  
Mayor

cc: Commissioners Court  
City Council Members  
Arturo Michel, City Attorney