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Dear Honorable Members of the Houston City Council,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the Hardy Yards development project—an initiative that will position both the City of Houston and Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2 as models of community-focused progress. This project is the crown jewel of Harris County's ARPA Multifamily Housing portfolio and a key part of my Revive2Thrive initiative to make Precinct 2 the best place to live, work, and play.

Hardy Yards is set to be Harris County's premier transit-oriented mixed-use development, strategically located on a 10.7-acre site in the Near Northside, within the 610 Loop. This project will bring approximately 500 affordable and workforce housing units, with 90% of these units for households earning 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or below. Additionally, at least 50 units will be reserved for those earning 30% AMI or less, offering critical housing for low-income families and our most vulnerable residents.

More than just housing, Hardy Yards is envisioned as a dynamic, walkable mixed-use district featuring innovative mixed-income housing, grocery retail, and essential neighborhood services. With 50,000 square feet of retail space, this project presents a vital opportunity to bring an affordable grocery store to a community in need. Its proximity to Downtown Houston and the Burnett Transit Center ensures unmatched connectivity, making it an ideal location for residents to access jobs, education, and services.

This project aligns with the Near Northside Complete Communities Action Plan and the Near Northside Quality of Life Agreement while addressing the urgent issue of gentrification in the Greater Northside by ensuring long-term affordability through a 99-year ground lease. The project's timeline, set to be completed by May 2027, is ambitious but achievable, and I am confident in our ability to see it through successfully.

Hardy Yards represents a unique opportunity to set a new standard for sustainable development in Harris County. I urge the Houston City Council to support this transformative project, which will serve as a beacon of progress and equity for our community.

I look forward to collaborating with you to bring this vision to life.

Sincerely.

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