



To: Mayor Parker and City Council Members

From: Jane Cahill West, Chairwoman

Date: September 20, 2015

Re: Support for Ordinance Relating to Emissions Reductions from Idling Motor Vehicles

On Monday, September 14, 2015, at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the City of Houston's Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA) voted to support the administration's draft ordinance to amend Article X of Chapter 21 of the Houston Code of Ordinances so that the city may partner with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the purpose of reducing emissions from idling motor vehicles.

The final draft ordinance, dated September 2015, is intended to implement an enhanced idling reduction program aimed at improving air quality by building on the voluntary idling reduction policy for public and private sector fleets adopted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors in May 2012. The ordinance has been drafted in accordance with Section 30 of the Texas Administrative Code which allows local governments to adopt the TCEQ idling limitations rule. Passage of the proposed ordinance will benefit the City of Houston and all of its neighborhoods by helping to improve air quality throughout the entire city.

For these reasons, I ask Mayor Parker, please, to present the draft Ordinance Relating to Emissions Reductions from Idling Motor Vehicles to City Council for a vote, and I ask council members, please, to cast their vote in favor of this ordinance when the opportunity arises.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this expression of support, please do not hesitate to call me at 832-721-9080 or to send me an email at janecahillwest@gmail.com.