

**CITY OF HOUSTON RESOLUTION NO. 2014- \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REHABILITATION OF GUS WORTHAM PARK THROUGH A GOLF COURSE OR A BOTANICAL GARDEN AND CONTAINING FINDINGS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT.**

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**WHEREAS**, Gus Wortham Park is the home of the Gus Wortham Golf Course (“Golf Course”), a historic golf course, owned and operated by the City of Houston, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, significant investment is needed for the long-term sustainability and viability of Gus Wortham Park; and

**WHEREAS**, opportunities with private organizations exist to obtain private funds to rehabilitate Gus Wortham Park through renovating the Golf Course or constructing a botanical (botanic) garden;

**WHEREAS**, some of these opportunities are contingent upon the City contracting with the private organization for other services, such as rehabilitating another City park and operating other City golf courses in addition to the Gus Wortham Golf Course; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to maintain Gus Wortham Park as green space for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, future discussions with private organizations would benefit from narrowing the City’s efforts to focus on rehabilitating Gus Wortham Park through either a golf course or a botanic garden; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That the City Council of the City of Houston supports the rehabilitation of Gus Wortham Park through a botanic garden.

**Section 2.** That the City Council of the City of Houston urges the Mayor or her designee to continue exploring opportunities toward furthering the goal of rehabilitating Gus Wortham Park through a botanic garden.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Resolution

within five (5) days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Resolution is \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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