



April 7, 2025

Mayor Whitmire
Houston City Council
City Hall
901 Bagby Street
Houston, TX 77002

RE: Support for Maintaining 11th Street Redesign and Safety Improvements

Dear Mayor Whitmire and Honorable Members of the Houston City Council,

We, the undersigned coalition, express our strong support for Council Member Abbie Kamin's, Council Member Castillo's, and State Representative Morales' request to maintain and protect the redesign and safety improvements installed on 11th Street in 2023. More specifically, we urge the City to preserve the two-lane traffic configuration and protected bicycle lane, and to proceed with the installation of the planned HAWK pedestrian crossing. These improvements were developed through robust public engagement and are already contributing to a safer, more accessible corridor for everyone.

We recognize community perspectives evolve over time, and we welcome thoughtful future enhancements that further improve safety and mobility. However, we also believe that reversing existing safety improvements without consultation or transparency—especially at great financial cost—would be a disservice to our neighborhoods and the planning processes that brought them about.

Since its redesign, 11th Street has undergone a remarkable transformation. What was once a high-speed, dangerous thoroughfare is now a thriving and safe corridor. Each day, we witness more residents and visitors walking, biking, running, shopping, dining, rollerblading, pushing strollers, connecting with neighbors, and enjoying community events like festivals and markets. The street has become a vibrant, welcoming space that reflects the spirit and energy of our city.

This letter is not simply about opposing change. It is about the need for inclusive decision-making, fiscal responsibility, and honoring the voices of both our elected district leaders and the many residents who have contacted us directly. Our Council Members and the Houston Heights community deserve to be informed and consulted before substantial changes are made.

Furthermore, additional unnecessary construction would place strain on local businesses along 11th Street, disrupting operations and undermining the corridor’s economic vitality.

We respectfully ask the City to protect the redesign and safety improvements now in place, avoid wasteful reversals, and ensure all future projects in our community are communicated clearly and developed collaboratively.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued commitment to safe, vibrant, and well-connected neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

Gerald Fuentes

Board Member, A Tale of Two Bridges
Organizing Committee, I Love 11th Neighborhood Festival

Businesses and Organizations on 11th Street- Endorsed and Signed By Owners

Please call 832-462-4494 for any questions or comments

Organization	Authorized Rep	Logo
Bicycle Speed Shop 1123 E 11th St Houston, TX 77009	Brian Jones, Owner	BICYCLE SPEED SHOP
Bungalow Revival 501 W 11th St Houston, TX 77008	Nicholas Eronko, Owner	BUNGALOW REVIVAL
Bespoke by GJCD 501 W 11th St Houston, TX 77008	Gilbert Perez, Owner	bespoke BY GJCD
Heights Clinic 720 W 11th St Houston, TX 77008	Drs. Alicia & Juan Barriga, Owners	HC

Someburger 745 E 11th St Houston, TX	Doug Brown, Owner	
Araya Artisan Chocolate 312 W 11th St Houston, TX 77008	Rocco de Grazia, Owner	
Three Dog Bakery 1141 E 11th St Houston, TX 77009	Sara Saber, Owner	
Eight Row Flint 1039 Yale St (on 11th) Houston, TX 77008	Ryan Pera, Owner	
Seerden Law Firm 603 W 11th St Houston, TX 77008	Andrew Seerden, Owner	
The Gypsy Poet 1050 Studewood St (on 11th) Houston, TX 77009	Vanessa Fernandez, Owner	
Houston Vineyard Church 1035 E 11th st Houston, Tx 77009	Joshua Harder, Pastor	
Waterhill Homes at Heights 780 Nicholson St Houston, TX 77007	Renee Alaeinejad, President	
Woodland Heights Civic Association Houston, TX 77009	Michael Graves, President	
Friends of Lawrence and Milroy Parks 219 W 10th St Houston, TX 77008	Jordan Chismar, President	
Heights Connection 515 W 11th St Houston, TX 77008	Angela Finnegan, Owner	
A New Leaf School 219 W 11th Street Houston, TX 77008	Kate McGregor, Owner	
Hogg Middle School PTA 1100 Merrill St. (on 11th) Houston, TX 77009	Melanie Gehman, President	
Texas State House District 145 (encompasses all of the footprint of 11th)	Rep. Christina Morales	
Morris Strategic Investments Heights Central Station, 11th & Yale	Glenn Clements, Jr.	