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[Street Address]
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May 4, 2007

Mayor Bill White
City of Houston
P.O. Box 1562
Houston, TX 77251

Dear Mr. Mayor,

This letter is in response to a letter I received from your administrator Andy Icken in regards to the ordinance 19-43 on dated 4/24/07. Mr. Icken was so kind to explain to the ordinance to me again. However, I do not need any more explanations and I do not need anyone to tell me how other people will benefit from this ordinance. I fully understand the ordinance.

I understand that Mr. Icken is only doing what is within his jurisdiction. He can't change the ordinance, he can't help me, he can't help my neighborhood, and he is following the law. I am so very sorry but at this point I don't want to hear anymore "bla, bla" from an administrator. I want to hear from you.

I am asking YOU, the Mayor of this City to change ordinance 19-43 so that the people in our neighborhood can stop being depressed, and angry. The pictures I have enclosed are pictures of my neighbor's home and the property adjacent to it. This property is a prime example of what will happen should the ordinance remain in effect as is. This landlord tried to sell the land with properties and found out that she can't sell it. Why? No one can build on these lots. So the properties will remain in the state they are in and more alcoholic and drug addicted tenants will move in. We had two sets of these kinds of neighbors since last year. You can check the police records on that property.

I am asking you to amend the ordinance 19-43 and here are my suggestions:

- Allow new construction on pier and beam,
- Build 5-6' off the ground, allow only grass-crete as a surface for drive ways.
- Only allow single family homes to be built on single lots.
- Do not allow town home complexes or mega-plexes!
- Allow home owners to change their slab foundation to pier and beam
- Delete the 50% substantial improvement rule (the little pink house is most likely worth \$4000. What can someone do with a \$2000 improvement over 10 years?)

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We have not flooded ever and therefore there is no buyout program that applies to us from HCFCFCD. The City has NO buyout program but wants for people to give up their valuable land.... sounds like a land grab to me.

I am pleading to you to help me and my neighbors. Please change or amend ordinance 19-43 so we can all live with it. Let's talk productively.

Sincerely,

[Name]

cc: CM Adrian Garcia
Andy Icken
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