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Re: Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Monument

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Chief Development Officer for the City of Houston, I'm aware that the City has definitive plans to enhance and develop Bagby Street. The location of the Lyndon B. Johnson Monument entrance on Bagby will further enhance the street and the planned improvements and will complement and enhance the George Bush Presidential Monument located only 4 blocks further east on Bagby. I am pleased to provide this letter of support for this important project in downtown Houston. Like so many, I was greatly influenced by and appreciative of the extraordinary life, presidency and legislative achievements of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

This will be an educational monument that focuses on President Johnson's remarkable domestic legislative achievements, including the three major civil rights bills, Medicaid, Medicare, federal support of education, automobile and food safety legislation, the 1965 Immigration Act abolishing the National Origin System and more that would not have passed without President Johnson.

This monument will be an important addition to the public art of Houston. It will highlight key legislative achievements and President Johnson's support of the manned space exploration program. The monument will also recognize the Challenger and Columbia space shuttle astronauts who died tragically in service of their country with a semicircle of trees representing one for each astronaut crew member along with bronze plaques.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to provide this letter of support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Icken", is written over a horizontal line.

Andy Icken
Chief Development Officer
City of Houston