



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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Re: Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Monument

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of the City of Houston I am delighted to support the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Monument in downtown Houston, the entrance to which will be off Bagby Street. The City is already planning to enhance Bagby Street so that it will become a major east/west thoroughfare. Without any doubt because of President Johnson's critical passage of the 3 major civil rights legislations gave countless Americans opportunities that they never previously had to develop a better life. 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.

I am particularly pleased to support the establishment of an educational monument that would recognize President Johnson and the remarkable achievements of his Presidency, particularly his unparalleled domestic legislation that he accomplished through force of personality and legislative skills, 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 so much more would have passed without Johnson's legislative focus, drive and determination.

We recognize that this monument will be an important addition to the public art and education of Houston insomuch as it will emphasize and highlight key legislative achievements and particularly President Johnson's support of the manned space exploration which ultimately brought the Johnson Space Center to Houston. 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 a bronze plaque telling their stories.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sylvester Turner".

Mayor Sylvester Turner  
City of Houston