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The Honorable Robert Gallegos Councilmember District - I City of Houston 900 Bagby Street, Floor 1 Houston, Texas 77002-2533

Dear Councilman Gallegos:

I have recently received calls from constituents concerned about the Houston Botanic Gardens leasing Glenbrook for their Botanical Garden. I understand that Houston City Council voted and it was agreed that Glenbrook will be leased to the Houston Botanical Gardens if they raise \$5 million by the end of the year and \$20 million by the end of 2017. Charleston Park is a great asset to our community and would prefer that no part of the park be taken away during the construction of the Botanical Garden. It is necessary that we hear comments and request from our constituents in the surrounding neighborhoods since they will be impacted.

Sincerely,

Gene Green

Member of Congress

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