

Attachment 1

Harris Health Presentation for Commissioners Court
Regarding Ben Taub Expansion and Chapter 26 Findings,
October 30, 2025

Ben Taub Hospital Expansion: Addressing The Urgent Public Health Necessity

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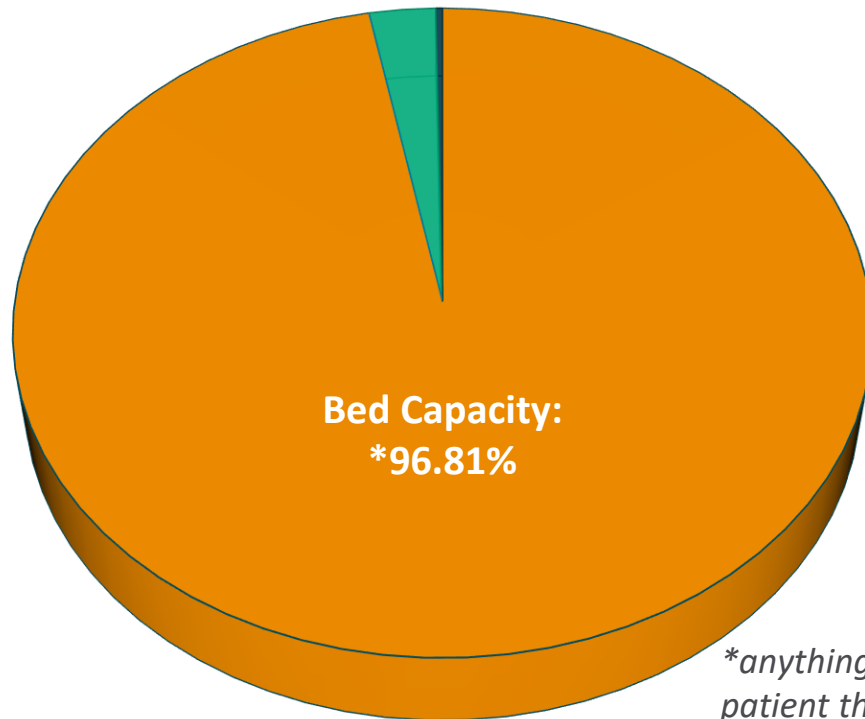
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WHO IS HARRIS HEALTH?

- We are the ONLY public safety net health system in Harris County
- We serve the ENTIRE community
- We TRAIN the next generation of healthcare providers
- We help DRIVE THE ECONOMY of Harris County and the State of Texas
- We are among the BEST healthcare systems in the country
- We are RESOURCEFUL

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

HOSPITAL STATUS
% Total Hours Last Five Years



**anything above 85% stresses hospital operations and patient throughput*

Prolonged wait times in the emergency center (sometimes more than 24 hours)

Prolonged wait times for getting into a patient room

Overcrowded spaces impact hospital efficiency, safety and infection prevention

Undue stress for patients and staff

BEN TAUB HOSPITAL - TODAY

The hospital operates at or above 100% capacity



BEN TAUB HOSPITAL - NEAR FUTURE

Current State

- 80,000 emergency room visits annually
- For Ben Taub Hospital this results in approximately 14,400 hospital admissions

Future State Needs (2030)

- Capacity for 18,000 (22%) MORE emergency room visits annually
- Capacity for 3,200 (22%) MORE hospital admissions annually

ER Visits by the Uninsured in Houston is Expected to Rise Dramatically

- OBBBA and \$1B cut to Medicaid
- DSH funding and \$800M cut to hospital funding in Texas
- ACA funding cuts leading to 1M Texans losing access to health insurance

URGENT NOTICE

The expansion of Ben Taub Hospital is an URGENT PUBLIC HEALTH NECESSITY for our community.

The expansion of Ben Taub Hospital FULFILLS A PROMISE we made to Harris County voters who overwhelmingly supported the allocation of \$410M to expand Ben Taub.

DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISE

The proposed Ben Taub inpatient facility will **provide the desperately needed capacity** by adding approximately 100 more inpatient beds and procedure areas.

Greater capacity added to Ben Taub will:

- Save thousands of lives in the coming years by providing time sensitive Level I trauma and critical care to our community when they need it most
- Reduce wait times in the Ben Taub's emergency center
- Reduce the use of "hallway beds" to care for our patients

BUILDING ON TOP IS NOT AN OPTION

Ben Taub and LBJ Facility Master Plan Phase I/II Assessments

Long-Range Strategic Master Plan 2040 Implementation

Prepared for
HARRISHEALTH
SYSTEM

September 29, 2021



Phases 1 & 2 assessment of the existing BT Hospital Campus including:

- An analysis of the existing site conditions of the Campus to help assess patient/staff service needs, including infrastructure conditions with respect to site access vehicular and pedestrian including vertical transportation.
- An analysis of the various existing departmental conditions and growth projections based on existing service lines and provided data was completed and includes recommendations on:
 - BT Campus Site Recommendations
 - Scoping and Visioning to document goals and vision for the campus
 - Site Master Planning that will identify campus sustainability strategies
 - Departmental Information collection to identify projected departmental needs and concerns for a ten-to-fifteen-year period.
 - The impact on patient/staff satisfaction/performance
 - Identify SWOT analysis
- Infrastructure upgrades recommendations

Assessment Conclusion:

Based on the items identified in the Phase 1 report, it is the team's opinion that continued renovations and relocations within the current facilities, while providing for existing service needs, do not facilitate future requirements with respect to quality patient care and staff satisfaction. While there is limited opportunity for some vertical expansion between the existing hospital building and the NPC, the cost to benefit ratio is high, and investment in a Vertical expansion is not feasible without major operational disruption because of



the buildings and other factors, offers a very limited footprint and by the time items such as elevators, stairs, MEP/IT required spaces, etc. are considered, the remaining footprint, is not supportive of the required area for beds, efficient workflow, staff, and patient satisfaction. Observations are based on the following conditions and considerations to help address future expansion and service needs for the next 5 – 15+ years:

- Majority of the existing facility is 30 years +
- Land locked by existing facilities/conditions/utilities
- No space for horizontal expansion
- Vertical expansion, while possible, is restricted, expensive, and inefficient.
- Existing infrastructure past its useful life
- Many existing systems are past their useful life and are maintenance issues, MEP, elevators, IT
- Only opportunities for growth require removal/relocation of existing space/functions
- Any new spaces/projects, subject to latest code requirements, which limit growth

BUILDING ON EXISTING FOOTPRINT IS NOT AN OPTION

Ben Taub Hospital
is LANDLOCKED



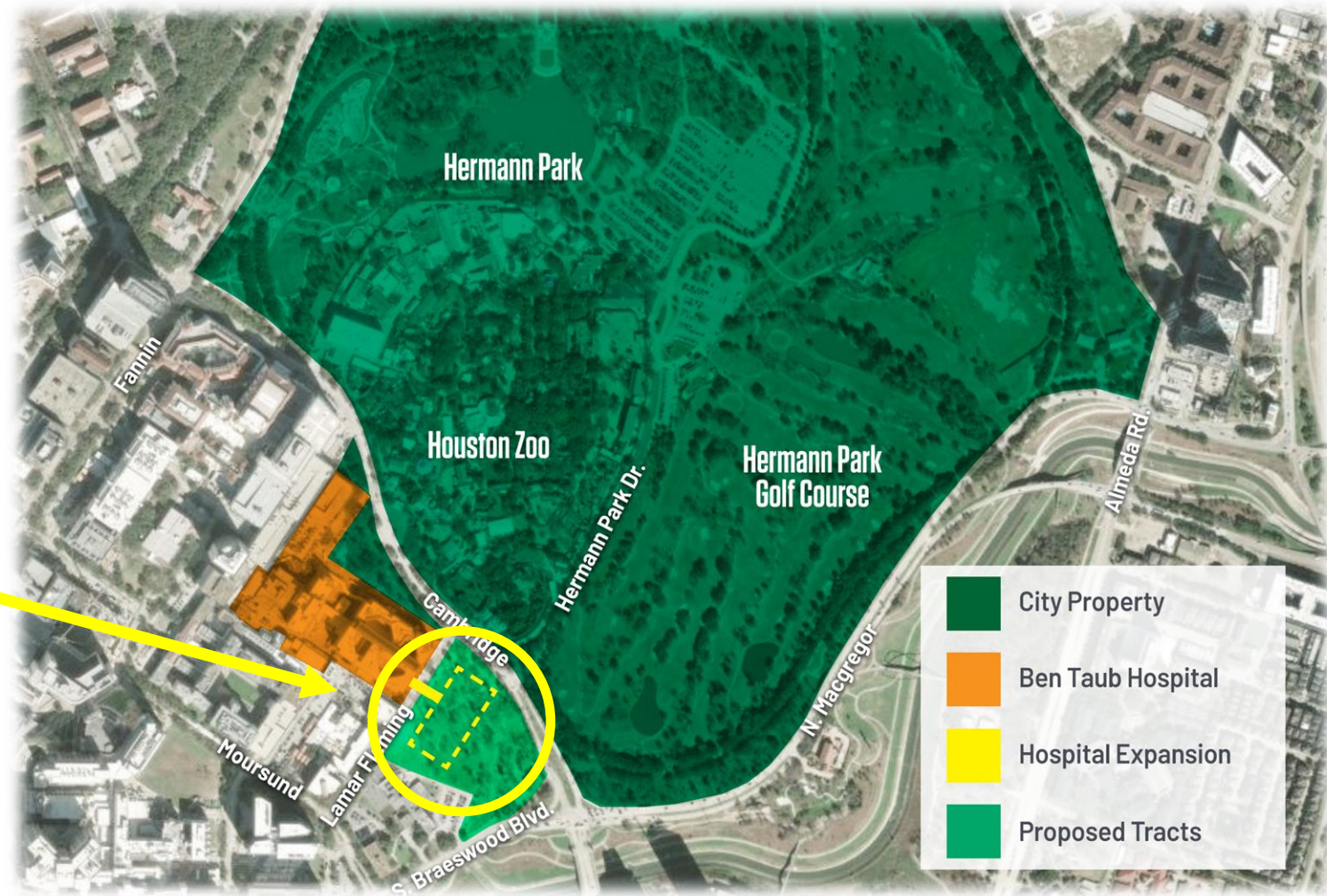
ANOTHER LOCATION IS NOT AN OPTION

Another site that is separated from the current Ben Taub Hospital:

- Does not address the current and worsening capacity issue at Ben Taub
- It dramatically increases the cost by requiring duplication of support services and staff (services such as, emergency room, operating services, radiology, pathology, specialty services and many others)
- Building on another site results in a “new hospital” which is not financially possible

THE ONLY OPTION FOR EXPANSION

Proposed
Land Acquisition
for Ben Taub
Expansion Project



PARK LAND IN QUESTION

The proposed site:

- Is separated from Hermann Park by Cambridge Street
- Has no significant park amenities
- Does not affect the golf course
- Does not affect the Houston Zoo
- Does not affect Miller Outdoor Theatre, or any other public attractions

WE COMMIT TO....

Harris Health is committed to minimizing any impact to pedestrian access to Hermann Park during the construction phase.

We commit to beautifying the land by developing a healing garden, walking paths and enhanced public areas.

As demonstrated with the new hospital project on the current Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital campus, we commit to take the necessary steps to mitigate risks and negative impacts to the environment.

Harris Health will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure minimal impact to our precious park land and maximum benefit to the public.

MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC

The expansion facility connected to Ben Taub Hospital via a skybridge will:

- Operate under Ben Taub's current license eliminating any additional regulatory burdens and cost
- Eliminate the costly and unnecessary duplication of services and staff if the project were moved elsewhere
- Allow Ben Taub to continue to provide uninterrupted service while the expansion facility is being built
- Allow Ben Taub to remain an integral part of the internationally recognized Texas Medical Center and better serve the adult Level I Trauma needs of Harris County
- Serve as the first phase of the future Ben Taub Hospital replacement

MAIN POINTS

The proposed Ben Taub expansion will address the urgent public health necessity of the desperately needed additional capacity to Ben Taub Hospital that will ensure:

- A viable future for our nationally recognized adult Level I Trauma center hospital so that it can meet the growing needs and expectations of our community when their lives literally hang in the balance, and
- Continued ability to train the future healthcare workforce for our community for decades to come
- And as mentioned previously, this expansion facility will serve as the first phase of the future Ben Taub Hospital replacement

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Representative Armando Walle
- Sheriff Ed Gonzalez
- SETRAC
- Texas Medical Center
- Harris County Medical Society
- UTHealth Houston Medical School
- Baylor College of Medicine
- Baylor St. Luke's Hospital
- Texas Childrens' Hospital
- Memorial Hermann Hospital
- Methodist Hospital
- The Metropolitan Organization
- Harris Health Strategic Fund
- HCHD Foundation

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Attachment 2

Harris Health – Land Acquisition Overview

Ben Taub Expansion Overview



Delivering on the promise made to Harris County voters to strengthen our community's healthcare infrastructure, Harris Health is moving forward with its major expansion of Ben Taub Hospital. This project will ensure that critical, life-saving trauma, emergency and hospital services remain accessible to residents of Houston, Harris County and Southeast Texas for decades to come.

Ben Taub's 402 licensed beds are at capacity nearly every day, often forcing patients to be placed in hallways for hospital-level treatment and care. With emergency room visits projected to rise by 20% by 2031, the need for expanded capacity is urgent. The planned addition of approximately 100 private patient rooms will not only relieve current strain but also extend the hospital's viability by 10 to 15 years.

This expansion is made possible by the overwhelming support of Harris County voters, who approved a \$2.5 billion bond in 2023 to enhance Harris Health facilities. Of that, \$410 million is dedicated to Ben Taub's expansion. Building an entirely new hospital would cost an additional \$2.5 billion—well beyond the system's current financial ability—making this expansion the most fiscally responsible and operationally feasible path forward. Also, there is no adequate way to expand on the current Ben Taub campus, as it does not have enough land space to build another facility and construction on top of the existing hospital is prohibitive because of its aging infrastructure and the disruption it would pose to ongoing hospital services.

The proposed site for the expansion is 8.9 acres of city-owned park land directly across Lamar Fleming Drive from Ben Taub's trauma and emergency center. This land, separated from Hermann Park by Cambridge Street, does not include any park amenities and will have no impact on the golf course, zoo or other major attractions. Its proximity allows for a sky bridge connection, ensuring seamless integration with existing hospital services.

Harris Health has followed a transparent land acquisition process, including a Chapter 26 public hearing held on July 24, 2025. The Board has approved a resolution to seek eminent domain review by Harris County Commissioners Court, which will consider the next steps in the process. Throughout, Harris Health remains committed to minimizing impact on Hermann Park and enhancing public access to its amenities and preserving much needed green space.

Remaining in the Texas Medical Center is essential. Ben Taub's location supports important collaboration in trauma care, medical education and vital research partnerships. Expanding on-site keeps operations unified under one license and avoids duplicating costly services.

This expansion is a strategic, community-driven investment in the region's long-term health and well-being.

Attachment 3

Harris Health – Land Acquisition FAQs,
Updated October 8, 2025

FAQ: Ben Taub Hospital Expansion

Updated 10-8-25



Statement: Harris Health is a critical provider of healthcare and emergency services to residents of Harris County and surrounding counties. To ensure that these services are available to meet the needs of the population of Houston, Harris County and the greater southeast Texas region, it is necessary for Harris Health to expand Ben Taub Hospital so that it can provide the increased patient bed capacity necessary to serve the essential trauma, emergency and healthcare needs of all residents.

In 2023, Harris County voters overwhelmingly approved Harris Health's \$2.5 billion bond package to fund its multi-year strategic facilities plan, which authorized the expansion of patient bed capacity at Ben Taub Hospital. To accomplish this mandate, Harris Health plans to expand the hospital's patient bed capacity by building approximately 100 additional private patient rooms through the construction of an addition on park land adjacent to Ben Taub Hospital.

The Need to Expand

Why does Harris Health need to expand the patient bed capacity at Ben Taub Hospital?

Today, Ben Taub Hospital is consistently operating beyond its maximum patient capacity (402 beds). When demand exceeds capacity, patients are often placed in temporary hallway locations throughout the hospital until a room becomes available. While not ideal, these hallway patients receive necessary physician and nursing attention as they wait for a room. Additionally, this requires the hospital to frequently alert Houston Fire Department and EMS partners to take patients to other hospitals because of patient overcrowding. A concerted effort is made to keep trauma care access always available for the community.

How much more capacity is needed?

Based on an extensive analysis relating to needs, patient volume and increased population, Harris Health expects Ben Taub Hospital to see a demand for an additional 18,000 (22% more) emergency visits by 2031 that will require additional patient bed capacity for another 3,200 admissions. The lack of adequate patient bed capacity significantly affects the hospital's availability for patients needing crucial services from emergency to intensive care. Adding 100 patient rooms will extend the useful life of Ben Taub Hospital by 10-15 years or more before a complete replacement is likely to be funded.

Why can't Harris Health just build a new hospital?

To build a complete hospital replacement would likely require more than \$2.5 billion to complete. Harris Health is not in a financial position to do this today. In 2023, voters approved a \$2.5 billion bond to add a new hospital to the LBJ Hospital campus, expand Ben Taub Hospital, and add community clinics. This bond represents Harris Health's maximum

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borrowing capacity. Approximately \$410 million from the voter-approved bond package allows Harris Health to expand patient bed capacity at Ben Taub Hospital, which will help extend its useful life for 10-15 years or more. When Harris Health has completed paying for its current bond, the system may consider asking voters for potential funding for a replacement facility for Ben Taub Hospital.

Related to the \$2.5 billion bond package approved by voters, is the expansion of Ben Taub optional?

No. As part of the bond package approved by voters in 2023, the public was told about the need to extend the life of Ben Taub Hospital and expand patient bed capacity to continue serving the community. The \$410 million investment to expand the hospital must be used for that specific purpose. The only viable way to expand Ben Taub Hospital is by purchase through eminent domain of city-owned park land adjacent to the hospital and directly across from its emergency and trauma center.

Land Identified for Ben Taub Expansion

Where is the land that Harris Health wants to acquire?

Harris Health has identified 8.9 acres of city-owned park property for the expansion of Ben Taub Hospital. This property is located directly across from the Ben Taub Hospital emergency and trauma center, and is bordered by Lamar Fleming Avenue, Cambridge Street and South Braeswood Boulevard.

Does Harris Health's plan to expand Ben Taub Hospital use land that is part of the Hermann Park Golf Course, Houston Zoo, Miller Outdoor Theater or other park attractions?

No. The proposed parcels of land are directly across from the Ben Taub Hospital emergency and trauma center and separated from the main attractions of the park by Cambridge Street and do not affect any access to the core park attractions. The land will be used to build more patient rooms for Ben Taub Hospital. Although this property is part of Hermann Park, it represents less than 2% of the park's 445 acres.

Why can't the expansion occur on the campus of Ben Taub Hospital?

Unfortunately, it is not a viable option to expand Ben Taub Hospital on the existing site. There is virtually no space to accommodate any new construction or expansion. Additionally, building on top of the existing hospital is out of the question because of the dated condition of the existing building. Importantly, any additional construction on the site would likely prompt service closures within the busy Level I trauma hospital and its outpatient specialty facilities, and endanger the safety of patients, visitors and staff who would likely be in an active construction site for several years.

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Why is Harris Health considering the purchase of park land and not opting to acquire another property?

The proximity of this property to Ben Taub Hospital makes it uniquely suitable for construction of much-needed patient beds in a potential hospital addition to be directly connected to Ben Taub Hospital via a sky bridge. Having the addition connected to the hospital gives patients access to all of the specialties and expertise available at a Level I trauma hospital and makes staffing and support of the new structure easier and more efficient.

The Process to Acquire the Land

What is the process for acquiring the land?

If approved by both the Harris Health Board of Trustees and the Harris County Commissioners Court, following a Chapter 26 public hearing, Harris Health would purchase at fair market value through eminent domain the property in accordance with Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code. As part of the process, Harris Health will coordinate with the City of Houston, the Hermann Park Conservancy, the Houston Zoo and other stakeholders to ensure that the expansion of Ben Taub Hospital includes all reasonable planning to minimize impact to the remainder of Hermann Park, including exercising its best efforts to preserve and enhance the public's ability to safely and conveniently access the park's amenities.

Until the legal proceedings are complete and ownership is transferred, this land will continue to be used for park purposes by the City of Houston.

What action has been taken by Harris Health's Board of Trustees?

At its September 2025 meeting, the Harris Health Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution containing the determinations and findings required by Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Code and authorized the purchase at fair market value through eminent domain of three parcels within Hermann Park consisting of approximately 8.9 acres. Formal notification to any holders of a property interest will follow any decision by Harris County Commissioners Court to approve eminent domain. The purchase through eminent domain also will adhere to the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code, Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and in accordance with Section 281.050 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and all other applicable legal requirements.

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What happens next in the process?

The September board action has initiated a multi-step process, which includes Harris County Commissioners Court holding a Chapter 26 public hearing to consider approving eminent domain. If approved, notification of all property interest holders — including all holders of a reversionary interest in these parcels — will commence according to statutory requirements. Harris Health remains committed to continuing discussions and working with relevant stakeholders to keep them informed throughout the process.

What is eminent domain?

In Texas, eminent domain allows certain public entities like Harris Health to acquire property for a public necessity, even if the owner doesn't want to sell, provided the owner is adequately compensated. This process does not require a public election.

Will all holders of a property interest in this land be contacted about this matter?

Any person or entity that has a property interest in the land that is subject to eminent domain, including any holders of reversionary interests, will be notified in accordance with Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code if both the Harris Health Board of Trustees and the Harris County Commissioners Court approve the acquisition of the land. Review and approval by Harris County Commissioners Court remains pending at the time of this writing.

Why Not Relocate or Build Elsewhere

Why don't you build elsewhere? Does the patient addition have to be connected to the Ben Taub Hospital?

By constructing the expansion facility in a location that can connect to Ben Taub Hospital, patients retain access to all of the hospital's existing services without the need for duplication. If the inpatient addition were built elsewhere, it would have to be constructed as a stand-alone hospital with all the required support systems and services to provide the breadth of hospital care. Essentially, a new hospital would need to be built. Unfortunately, Harris Health does not have the borrowing capacity to build another new hospital, which would cost approximately \$2.5 billion or more to complete.

Additionally, Ben Taub Hospital operates under a single Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) license, covering all the services provided on the hospital campus. By ensuring physical connectivity, the new inpatient addition would qualify as an extension of the hospital license, thus avoiding regulatory complexity and delays.

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Why is it important Ben Taub Hospital remain in the Texas Medical Center (TMC)?

As a major teaching hospital and clinical training ground for Baylor College of Medicine, Ben Taub Hospital is also affiliated with dozens of nursing and allied health colleges in the TMC. The close physical proximity to other academic and TMC patient-care institutions enhances academic collaboration, research integration and clinical training. Rotations, research projects, and cross-institutional programs benefit from this shared location, allowing seamless movement of students, residents and medical faculty.

As the only public healthcare system in the TMC, Ben Taub Hospital is the way that the underserved can continue to benefit from the medical expertise available in the TMC.

Attachment 4

Harris Health Board of Trustees Resolution,
Adopted September 23, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

MOTION NO. 25.09-111

On September 23, 2025, the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health Board of Trustees convened in regular session at its regular meeting place. The following members of the Board were present:

		Present	Absent
Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH	Chair	☒	☐
Carol Paret, BS	Vice Chair	☐	☒
Libby Viera-Bland, AICP	Secretary	☒	☐
Afsheen Davis, JD, MPH	Board Member	☒	☐
Ingrid Robinson, MBA	Board Member	☐	☒
Marlen Trujillo, PhD, MBA, CHW	Board Member	☒	☐
Paul Puente	Board Member	☒	☐
Philip Sun, AIA, ACHA, NCARB	Board Member	☒	☐
Sima Ladjevardian, JD	Board Member	☒	☐

The Board determined that a quorum was present. Among other business, a resolution on the following matter was considered:

Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Relating to a Public Project to Redevelop and Expand Ben Taub Hospital (the "Project"), Authorizing the Acquisition by Eminent Domain for Public Convenience and Necessity of Three Parcels within Hermann Park Consisting of Approximately 8.9 Acres of Real Property for the Project and Making Certain Findings Pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 26, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

Libby Viera-Bland introduced the resolution and made a motion that it be adopted. Sima Ladjevardian seconded the motion for adoption. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH	☒	☐	☐	☐
Carol Paret, BS	☐	☐	☐	☒
Libby Viera-Bland, AICP	☒	☐	☐	☐
Afsheen Davis, JD, MPH	☒	☐	☐	☐
Ingrid Robinson, MBA	☐	☐	☐	☒
Marlen Trujillo, PhD, MBA, CHW	☒	☐	☐	☐
Paul Puente	☒	☐	☐	☐
Philip Sun, AIA, ACHA, NCARB	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sima Ladjevardian, JD	☒	☐	☐	☐

The adopted resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO A PUBLIC PROJECT TO REDEVELOP AND EXPAND BEN TAUB HOSPITAL (THE "PROJECT"), AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF THREE PARCELS WITHIN HERMANN PARK CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 8.9 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PROJECT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 26, TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE CODE

* * * * *

WHEREAS, the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health ("Harris Health") is undertaking a public project to redevelop and expand Ben Taub Hospital (the "Hospital")'s Level I trauma facilities and provide the increased capacity necessary to serve the essential emergency services and health care needs of the residents of the City of Houston (the "City"), Harris County, and the greater southeast Texas region; and

WHEREAS, Harris Health has fully analyzed and considered an expansion of the Hospital within the existing Hospital site to support an increase in inpatient capacity in its current location, but this option is impossible due to the current maximum capacity of the Hospital, its aging infrastructure and need for modernization, and the fact that it is not possible to close portions of the Hospital during ongoing construction activities and still serve the essential emergency services and health care needs of the public; and

WHEREAS, expanding the Level I trauma capacity of the Hospital in a location adjacent to the existing Hospital site is a necessity for public health; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of additional adjacent land for the Project is necessary for the development of a modern, high-performing health care facility that meets current standards, supports future growth, and ensures continuous delivery of high-quality, resilient care to all patients at the Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital is located in close proximity to Hermann Park (the "Park"), which is owned by the City and composed of approximately 445 acres of land generally bounded by Fannin Street on the west, Hermann Drive on the north, Almeda Road on the east, and Brays Bayou on the south; and

WHEREAS, the Park includes three parcels consisting of approximately 8.9 acres located directly across from the Hospital, bordered by Lamar Fleming Drive, Cambridge Street and Braeswood Boulevard and separated by Cambridge Street from the bulk of the Park and more particularly described in the surveys attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is the only available property adjacent to the Hospital that Harris Health can utilize to expand the Hospital; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 281.054 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Harris Health has the power of eminent domain to acquire any interest in real property located in the district if the property interest is necessary or convenient for the exercise of the rights or authority conferred on Harris Health by Chapter 281 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Code requires the Board of Trustees of Harris Health (the "Board") to hold a public hearing and to make certain findings prior to acquiring the Property by eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing on the Project held by the Board on July 24, 2025 in the Board Room at 4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas (the "Hearing") was delivered to the Mayor of the City on June 23, 2025, and notice of the Hearing was published in the Houston Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in Harris County, which publishes seven days a week, on July 1, July 8 and July 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board held the Hearing on the Project on July 24, 2025, at which the Board was presented with a summary of the purpose of the Hearing and the Project, and members of the public provided comment; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing was noticed and held, with a quorum of the Board present, in compliance with all requirements of Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the taking of the Property for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the Park resulting from the taking of the Property for the Project, including Harris Health's exercise of best efforts, in coordination with the City, the Hermann Park Conservancy, the Houston Zoo and other stakeholders, to preserve and maintain the public's ability to safely and conveniently access the remainder of the Park; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in making its findings, has considered clearly enunciated local preferences; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that public necessity and convenience exists for the Project and for the mandatory acquisition of the Property for the Project through the exercise of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize Harris Health to pursue the acquisition by eminent domain of the Property, subject to and in accordance with Section 281.050 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and all other applicable legal requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. Definitions. The definitions of terms contained in the Recitals to this Resolution are hereby incorporated and made part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Findings. The findings and determinations set forth in the recitals of this Resolution are hereby determined to be true and correct. The Board, after consideration of all evidence and testimony presented at the Hearing, further finds and determines:

- a) There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the taking of the Property for the Project;
- b) The Project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the Park, including Harris Health's exercise of best efforts, in coordination with the City, the Hermann Park Conservancy, the Houston Zoo and other stakeholders, to preserve and maintain the public's ability to safely and conveniently access the remainder of the Park;
- c) In making these findings, the Board has considered clearly enunciated local preferences; and
- d) These findings justify approval of the Project.

Section 3. Authorization. The Board hereby declares that public necessity and convenience exists for the Project and for the mandatory acquisition of the Property for the Project and authorizes the staff and legal counsel of Harris Health to take all necessary actions to pursue the acquisition by eminent domain of the Property, subject to and in accordance with Section 281.050 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and all other applicable legal requirements.

Section 4. Park Access and Connectivity. In accordance with and pursuant to the findings and determinations set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, the Board hereby directs Harris Health to use its best efforts to incorporate into the Project the implementation of accessibility-related and connectivity-related elements that will enhance the public's ability to safely and conveniently access the Park's trails and other recreational amenities and orient the Project in a manner that will provide a visual and experiential connection between the Project and the Park.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. Open Meeting. It is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting of the Board at which this Resolution was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Board further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in force and effect upon approval by the Board.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd of September, 2025.



Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH, Chair

Attest:



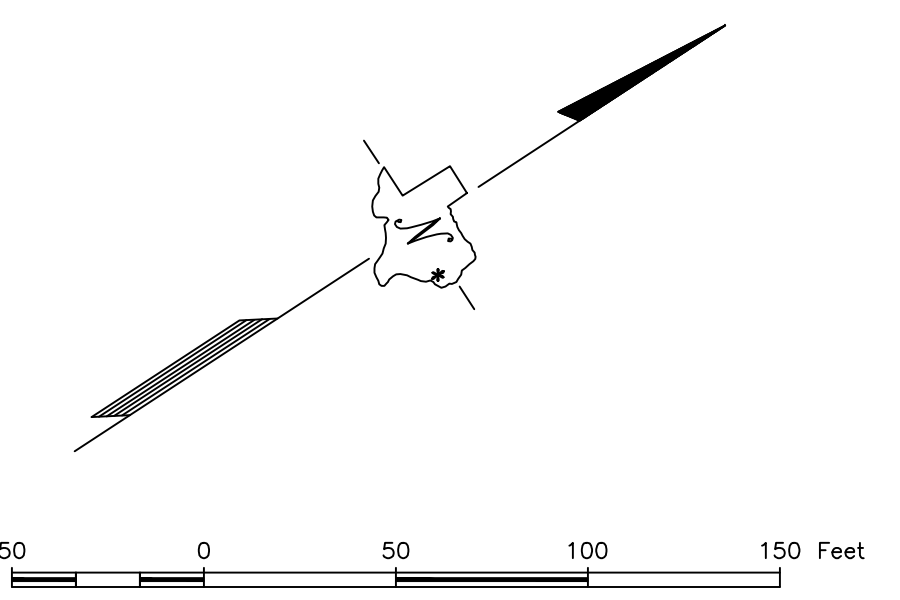
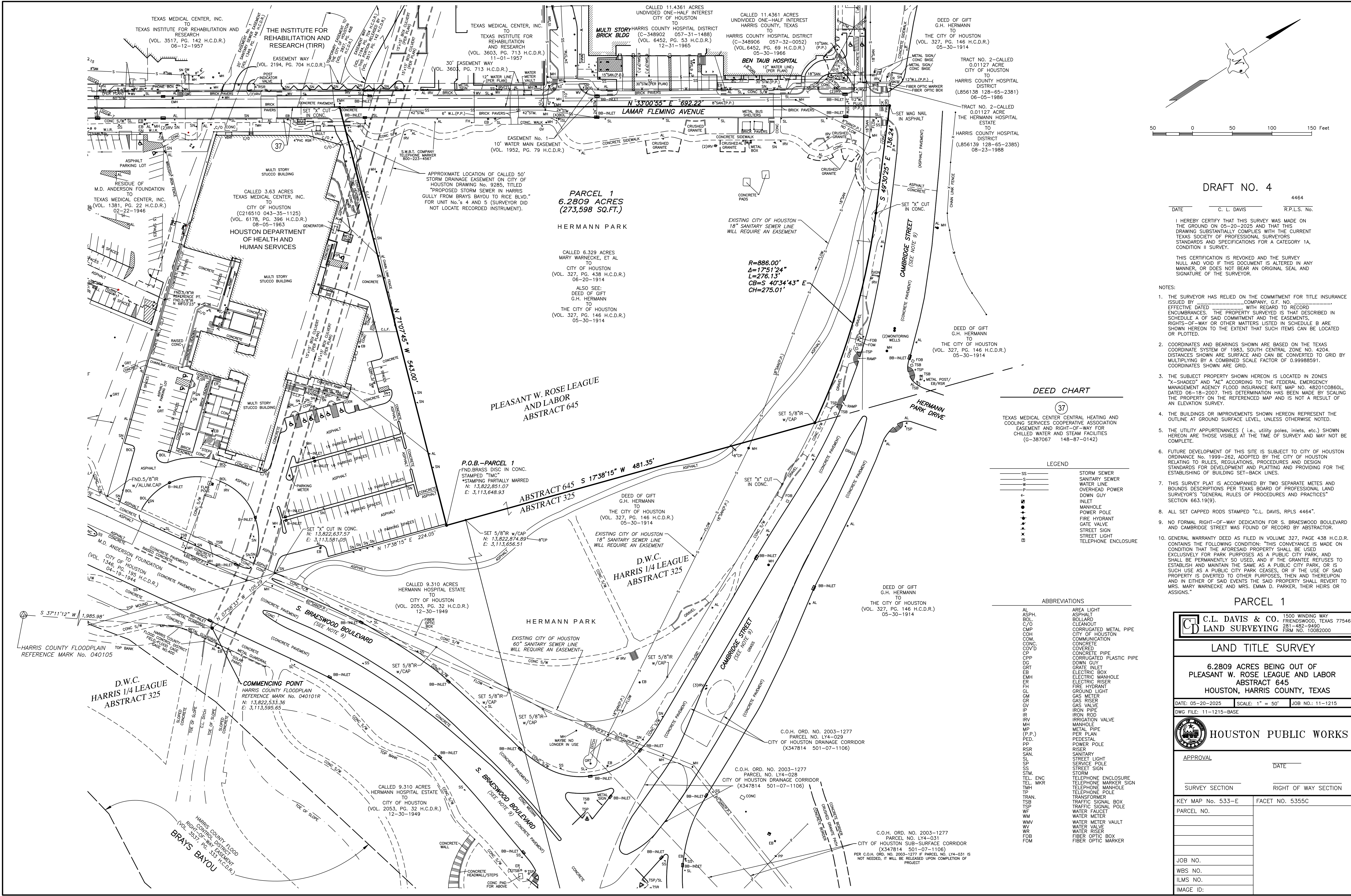
Libby Viera – Bland, AICP, Secretary

Exhibit A

Property

[attached]

PARCEL 1 - SURVEY



DRAFT NO. 4

DATE C. L. DAVIS R.P.L.S. No. 4464

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY WAS MADE ON THE GROUND ON 05-20-2025 AND THAT THIS DRAWING SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETES WITH THE CURRENT TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A CATEGORY 1A, CONDITION II SURVEY.

- NOTES:
1. THE SURVEYOR HAS RELIED ON THE COMMITMENT FOR TITLE INSURANCE ISSUED BY COMPANY, G.F. NO. EFFECTIVE DATED WITH REGARD TO RECORD ENCUMBRANCES. THE PROPERTY SURVEYED IS THAT DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE A OF SAID COMMITMENT AND THE EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR OTHER MATTERS LISTED IN SCHEDULE B ARE SHOWN HEREON TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH ITEMS CAN BE LOCATED OR PLOTTED.
 2. COORDINATES AND BEARINGS SHOWN ARE BASED ON THE TEXAS COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1983, SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE NO. 4204. DISTANCES SHOWN ARE SURFACE AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO GRID BY MULTIPLYING BY A COMBINED SCALE FACTOR OF 0.99988591. COORDINATES SHOWN ARE GRID.
 3. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON IS LOCATED IN ZONES "X-SHADED" AND "AET" ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP NO. 48201C0860L, DATED 06-18-2007. THIS DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE BY SCALING THE PROPERTY ON THE REFERENCED MAP AND IS NOT A RESULT OF AN ELEVATION SURVEY.
 4. THE BUILDINGS OR IMPROVEMENTS SHOWN HEREON REPRESENT THE OUTLINE AT GROUND SURFACE LEVEL, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 5. THE UTILITY APPURTENANCES (i.e., utility poles, inlets, etc.) SHOWN HEREON ARE THOSE VISIBLE AT THE TIME OF SURVEY AND MAY NOT BE COMPLETE.
 6. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SITE IS SUBJECT TO CITY OF HOUSTON ORDINANCE NO. 1999-282, ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF HOUSTON RELATING TO RULES, REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES AND DESIGN STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PLATTING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHING OF BUILDING SET-BACK LINES.
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DEED CHART

TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER CENTRAL HEATING AND COOLING SERVICES COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CHILLED WATER AND STEAM FACILITIES (G-387067 148-87-0142)

LEGEND	
SS	STORM SEWER
S	SANITARY SEWER
W	WATER LINE
P	OVERHEAD POWER
D	DOWN GUY
+	INLET
•	MANHOLE
•	POWER POLE
•	FIRE HYDRANT
•	GATE VALVE
•	STREET SIGN
•	STREET LIGHT
•	TELEPHONE ENCLOSURE

ABBREVIATIONS	
AL	AREA LIGHT
ASPH.	ASPHALT
BOL	BOLLARD
C/O	CITY OF HOUSTON
CH	CORROGATED METAL PIPE
CH	CITY OF HOUSTON
CH	COMMUNICATION
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CH	ELECTRIC RISER
CH	FIRE HYDRANT
CH	GROUND LIGHT
CH	GAS METER
CH	GAS RISER
CH	GAS VALVE
CH	IRON PIPE
CH	IRON ROD
CH	IRRIGATION VALVE
CH	MANHOLE
CH	METAL PIPE
CH	PER PLAN
CH	PEDESTAL
CH	POWER POLE
CH	RISER
CH	SANITARY
CH	STREET LIGHT
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CH	WATER METER VAULT
CH	WATER VALVE
CH	WATER RISER
CH	WATER
CH	FIBER OPTIC BOX
CH	FIBER OPTIC MARKER

PARCEL 1
C.L. DAVIS & CO. 1500 WINDING WAY
LAND SURVEYING 281-482-9490
FIRM NO. 10082000

LAND TITLE SURVEY
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PLEASANT W. ROSE LEAGUE AND LABOR
ABSTRACT 645
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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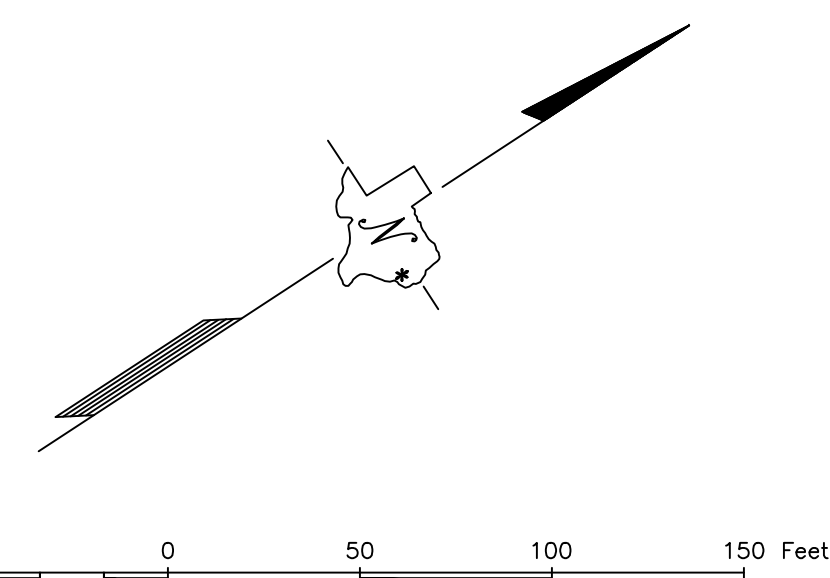
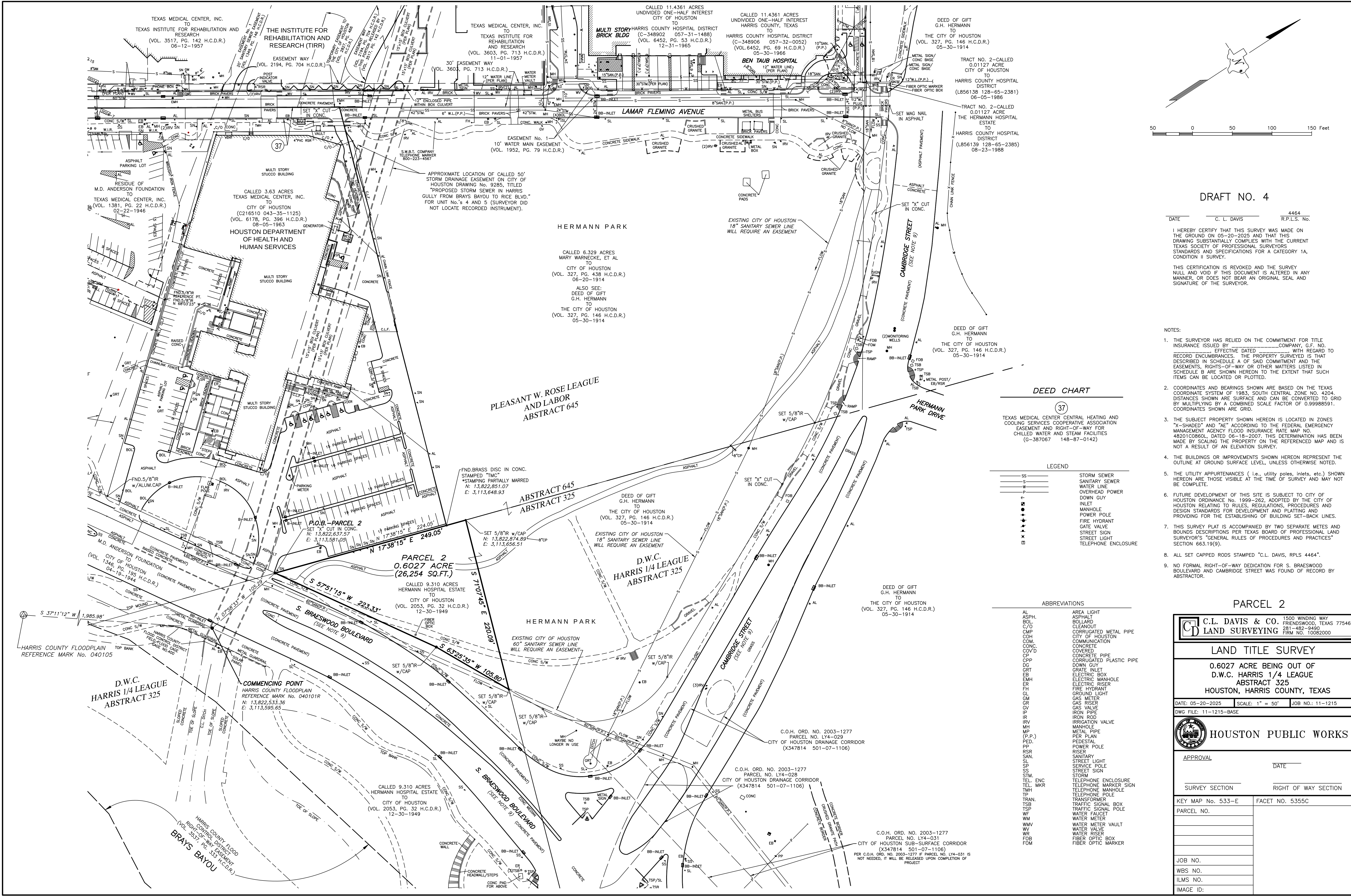
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PARCEL 2 - SURVEY



DRAFT NO. 4

DATE C. L. DAVIS 4464 R.P.L.S. NO.

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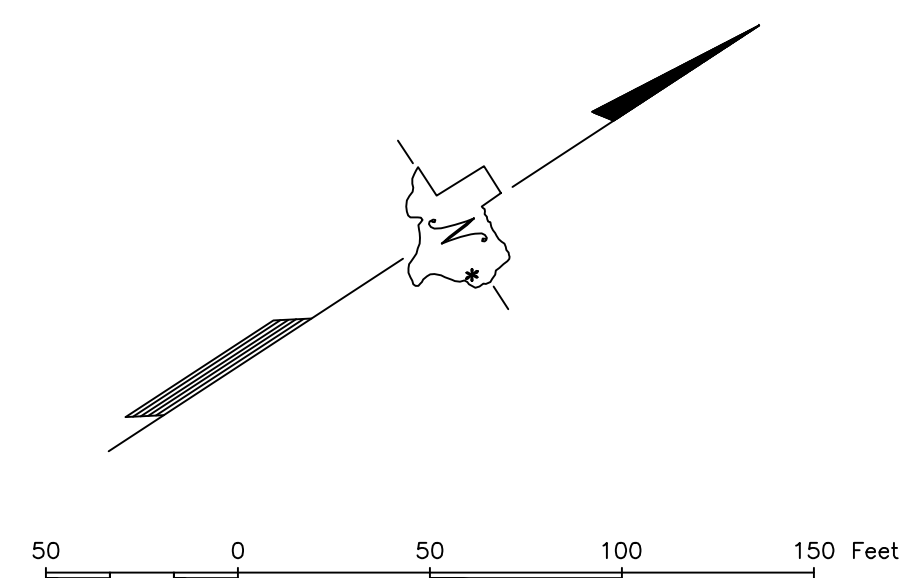
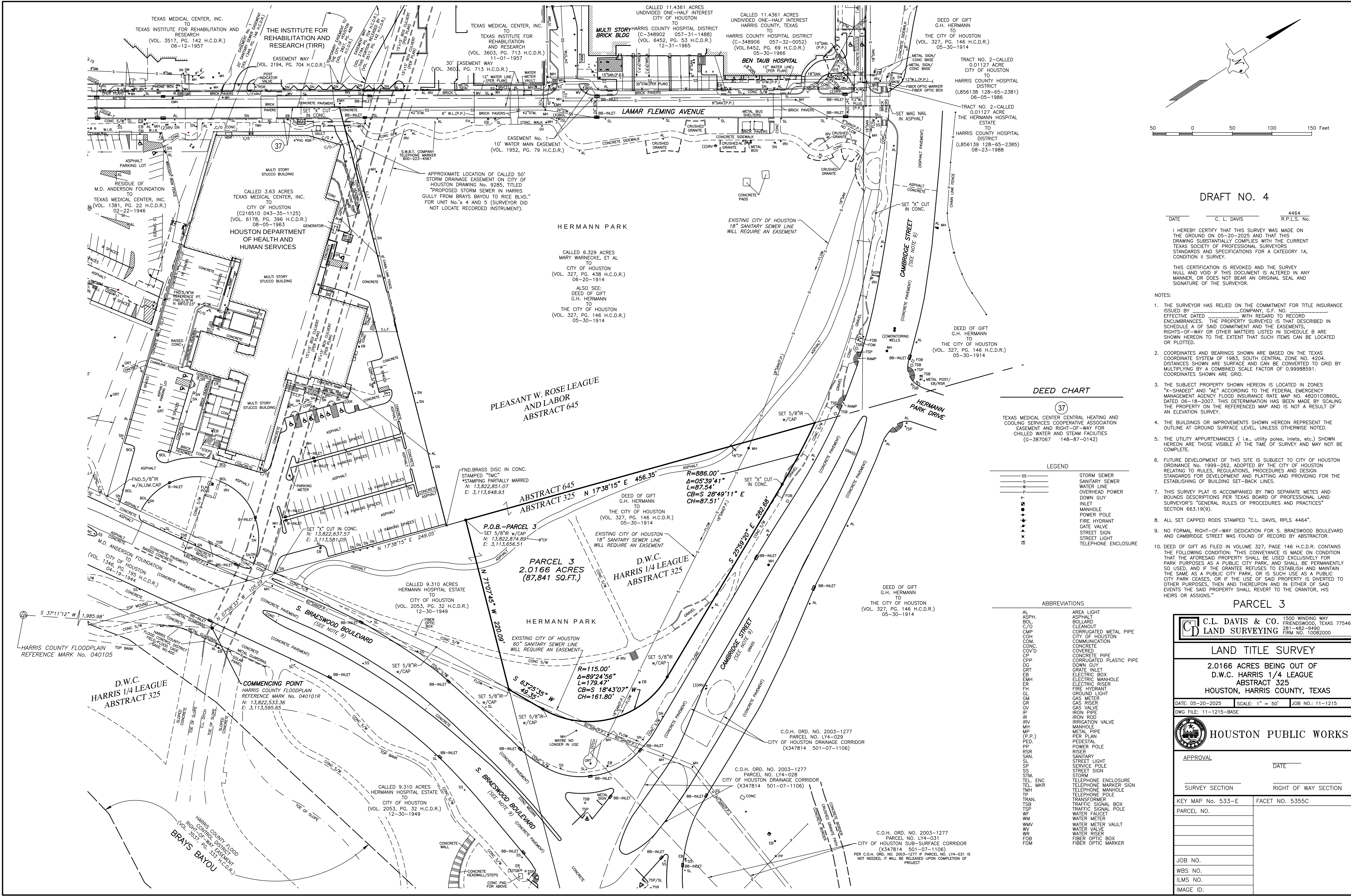
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DC	DOWN GUY
GRT	GRATE INLET
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EMH	ELECTRIC MANHOLE
ER	ELECTRIC RISER
FL	FIRE HYDRANT
GL	GROUND LIGHT
GM	GAS METER
GR	GAS RISER
GV	GAS VALVE
IP	IRON PIPE
IRV	IRON ROD
IRV	IRRIGATION VALVE
MH	MANHOLE
MP	METAL PIPE
(P.P.)	PER PLAN
PED.	PEDESTAL
PP	POWER POLE
RSR	RISER
SAN.	SANITARY
SL	STREET LIGHT
SP	SERVICE POLE
SS	STREET SIGN
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TEL. MKR	TELEPHONE MARKER SIGN
TMH	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
TP	TELEPHONE POLE
TRAN.	TRANSFORMER
TSB	TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX
TSP	TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE
W	WATER
WM	WATER METER
WMV	WATER METER VAULT
WV	WATER VALVE
WR	WATER RISER
FOM	FIBER OPTIC BOX
FOM	FIBER OPTIC MARKER

PARCEL 2

C.L. DAVIS & CO. 1500 WINDING WAY LAND SURVEYING FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS 77546	
LAND TITLE SURVEY	
0.6027 ACRE BEING OUT OF D.W.C. HARRIS 1/4 LEAGUE ABSTRACT 325 HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS	
DATE: 05-20-2025	SCALE: 1" = 50'
DWG FILE: 11-1215-BASE	JOB NO.: 11-1215
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PARCEL 3 - SURVEY



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ABBREVIATIONS

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- MH MANHOLE
- MP METAL PIPE
- P.P. PER PLAN
- PP PEDESTAL
- PP POWER POLE
- RSR RISER
- SA SANITARY
- SL STREET LIGHT
- SP SERVICE POLE
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PARCEL 3

C.L. DAVIS & CO. 1500 WINDING WAY
LAND SURVEYING FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS 77546
281-482-9490
FIRM NO. 10082000

LAND TITLE SURVEY

2.0166 ACRES BEING OUT OF
D.W.C. HARRIS 1/4 LEAGUE
ABSTRACT 325
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

DATE: 05-20-2025 SCALE: 1" = 50' JOB NO.: 11-1215
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SURVEY SECTION RIGHT OF WAY SECTION

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Attachment 5

Harris Health Notice to City of Houston,
Delivered June 23, 2025

Sent Via Email and Hand Delivery

June 23, 2025

Honorable John Whitmire
Mayor, City of Houston
900 Bagby Street, 3rd Floor
Houston, Texas 77002
Via email: mayor@houstontx.gov

Re: Notice to the City of Houston, Texas (the “City”), regarding Chapter 26 Hearing on a Proposed Taking by Eminent Domain of Approximately 8.9 Acres out of Hermann Park (the “Park”) adjacent to Ben Taub Hospital (the “Hospital”) for a Project to Expand the Hospital’s Facilities

Dear Mayor Whitmire:

As you know, the Harris County Hospital District (“Harris Health”) owns and operates the Hospital, which is adjacent to approximately 8.9 acres of land owned by the City (the “City Land”) and currently dedicated for park use as part of the Park. As further described herein, given the physical and geographical limitations of the existing Hospital site and the lack of any other available land adjacent to the Hospital, Harris Health has identified the taking of the City Land by eminent domain as the *only* viable option for a project to expand the Hospital’s facilities to provide the necessary capacity to serve the essential emergency services and health care needs of the residents of the City, Harris County, and the greater southeast Texas region (the “Project”).

The Park is comprised of approximately 445 acres of land, generally bounded by Fannin Street on the west, Hermann Drive on the north, Almeda Road on the east, and Brays Bayou on the south. Much of the property comprising the Park was donated to the City by George Hermann or subsequently acquired by the City from the trustees of Mr. Hermann’s estate with the requirement that the land be used for park purposes, subject to a reversionary interest held by the Hermann Hospital Estate in the event that the land is not being used for park purposes. The City Land, which is depicted in more detail in the three surveys attached hereto, comprises approximately two percent of the total acreage of the Park and is separated from the remainder of the Park by Cambridge Drive. A public convenience and necessity exists for Harris Health to take by eminent domain the City Land for the paramount public purpose of undertaking the Project, which is necessary for Harris Health to meet the demand for health services provided by the Hospital and to ensure the continued health and safety of the residents of the City and Harris County.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code (“Chapter 26”) provides that a department, agency, political subdivision, county, or municipality of this state may not approve any project that requires the use or taking of any public land designated and used prior to the arrangement of the project as a park unless, after a public hearing, its governing body determines that (i) there is no feasible and prudent

alternative to the use or taking of the park land for the program or project, and (ii) the program or project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the park land.

Pursuant to Section 26.002 of Chapter 26, Harris Health is hereby providing notice to the City that the Board of Trustees of Harris Health (the “Board”) will hold a Chapter 26 hearing on a proposed taking of the City Land for the Project in the Board Room of 4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas 77401 at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025. Following the Chapter 26 hearing, the Board will consider the approval of an order making the required findings under Chapter 26, determining that a public convenience and necessity exists for the taking by eminent domain of the City Land for the Project and authorizing Harris Health to pursue the acquisition of the City Land for the Project by purchase or condemnation.

The Hospital was established in 1966 and is a critical part of the health care system within Harris County. As a safety-net provider, the Hospital is a crucial pillar of the health care system within the City, Harris County and the surrounding counties. As one of only two Level I trauma centers serving Harris County’s nearly five million residents, as well as the residents of the entire nine-county Southeast Texas Trauma Region Q, the Hospital provides 24-hour access to essential medical care and surgical specialties.

Today, the Hospital is consistently operating above its maximum inpatient capacity of 402 beds due to the growing demand for medical care within the community. It is anticipated that an additional 110 beds will be needed to accommodate an expected growth of 18,000 additional emergency room visits over the next decade. Additionally, Harris County’s population is expected to increase by 5% by 2030, with the senior population expected to increase by 20% over that same period, adding to the current strain on the Hospital’s trauma and emergency services.

Accordingly, expanding the Level I trauma capacity of the Hospital in a location that is adjacent to the existing Hospital site is a necessity for public health. Harris Health has fully analyzed and considered an expansion of the Hospital within the existing Hospital site to support an increase in inpatient capacity in its current location, but this option was ultimately determined to be impossible due to the current maximum capacity of the Hospital, its aging infrastructure and need for modernization, and the fact that it is not possible to close portions of the Hospital during ongoing construction activities and still serve the essential emergency services and health care needs of the public.

The acquisition of additional adjacent land for the Project is necessary for the development of a modern, high-performing health care facility that meets current standards, supports future growth, and ensures continuous delivery of high-quality, resilient care to all patients at the Hospital. Constructing the Project on adjacent land will allow Harris Health to implement a phased development strategy that increases capacity at the Hospital while preserving continuity of current operations throughout the transition. The City Land is the *only* available property that Harris Health can utilize to expand the Hospital.

Harris Health is committed to ensuring that the Project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the Park by coordinating with the City to identify opportunities to mitigate the impacts of the Project on the remainder of the Park.

Harris Health is grateful for the City's support for this Project, and we look forward to working with the City to bring an expanded Ben Taub Hospital to the communities that we serve. We hope that City representatives will be available to attend the Chapter 26 hearing that will be held by the Board at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025, to express the City's continued support for the Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esmaeil Porsa", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, MD, MBA, MPH, CCHP-A
President and Chief Executive Officer
Harris Health

cc: Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department (via email: kenneth.allen@houstontx.gov)
Arturo Michel, City Attorney (via email: arturo.michel@houstontx.gov)
Troy Lemon, Interim City Secretary (via email: troy.lemon@houstontx.gov)

Attachments: Parcel 1 Survey
Parcel 2 Survey
Parcel 3 Survey

PARCEL 1 - SURVEY

PARCEL 2 - SURVEY

PARCEL 3 - SURVEY

Attachment 6

Harris Health Notice in Houston Chronicle,
Published July 1, July 8, and July 15, 2025

DOJ settles HPE-Juniper \$13B merger deal

By Michelle Chapman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hewlett Packard Enterprise has reached a settlement with the Justice Department that could clear the way for its \$14 billion takeover of rival Juniper Networks.

The Justice Department had sued to block the acquisition, saying it could eliminate competition, raise prices and reduce innovation. The settlement, which is subject to court approval, calls for Hewlett Packard Enterprise to divest

its global Instant On campus and branch business. Hewlett Packard Enterprise will facilitate limited access to Juniper's advanced Mist AIOps technology once the deal closes. "Our agreement with the DOJ paves the way to

close HPE's acquisition of Juniper Networks and preserves the intended benefits of this deal for our customers and shareholders, while creating greater competition in the global networking market," Antonio Neri, president and CEO of HPE,

said in a statement. Last year Hewlett Packard Enterprise announced that it was buying Juniper Networks for \$40 a share in a deal expected to double HPE's networking business. Juniper provides routers, switching gear and net-

work security products from its California headquarters. Shares of Hewlett Packard Enterprise surged more than 12% in Monday afternoon trading, while Juniper Networks' stock climbed more than 8%.



Jason Fochtman/Houston Chronicle

Christina Caballero looks over items at Perigold. Consumer spending has remained robust in Texas and the Houston region, according to recent data.

PERIGOLD

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ly robust. A May report from commercial real estate firm Colliers noted that Houston's retail market "seems poised to hold its ground." "The city continues to outperform most other metros in terms of new development, with over 2.7 million square feet delivered in the past year alone," the report said. The activity in Houston comes as 2025 began with many economists forecasting a slowdown, or even a recession, for the United States economy, just as they did last year. Those forecasts became even more gloomy in April, when President Donald Trump announced sweeping "Liberation Day" tariffs, plunging stock markets into turmoil and raising the prospect of an outright, multi-front trade war. While Trump soon walked back some of his proposed tariffs and markets have subsequently settled, substantial uncertainty remains. "As has been well documented, in early April, the

Trump administration implemented significant tariff increases; with subsequent escalations, delays, court decisions, and appeals," financial firm Charles Schwab noted in a mid-year economic outlook, released last month. Predicting the administration's next moves on tariffs, the report continued, is "an unenviable task," and in the meantime, uncertainty itself can serve as a drag on the economy: "A recession remains a risk." Even so, consumer spending has remained robust in Texas and the Houston region, according to the most recent data. State sales tax revenue totaled \$4.2 billion in May, according to the office of the Texas Comptroller, up 4.7% from the year earlier. Venky Shankar, a professor of marketing at Southern Methodist University, said that while some consumers may have cut back on discretionary spending, the contraction has been mild, especially among wealthier consumers. "The correlation between luxury spending and general consumer

spending depends on the periods of economic prosperity we are in. If it is a boom period, they are positively correlated," Shankar observed. "But if it is a difficult or uncertain period, then you might see a divergence. For example, you may remember that during COVID, luxury spending went up significantly. People with wealth always like to spend." That said, he continued, uncertainty persists going into the second half of the year. "There's still not complete visibility on tariffs," Shankar said. Perigold works with more than 1,000 suppliers, Ginns noted, meaning the company is relatively well-positioned to manage supply chain disruptions. But the potential for such disruptions has been on the minds of company leaders, especially as they selected which designers to showcase in the new Houston store. "It's something we're watching and managing closely," Ginns said, "but we feel very well-positioned to continue to serve our customers."

EXXON

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event or source. Exxon's anticipated payout is already reduced from Hittner's original ruling in 2017, which demanded the company pay \$19.95 million for pollution released from its Baytown complex between 2005 and 2013. The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the judge's first penalty, but upheld his revised amount of \$14.25 million.



Associated Press

Exxon Mobil's Baytown Refinery has had many unexpected emissions events, including an overnight explosion that caused four injuries in December 2021.

LIPMAN

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The Gates Foundation has its headquarters in Seattle, and it is unclear to me how all of the logistics will be accomplished after your death if there is no person nominated to make it happen. One more thing to consider: In the question you submitted, both of the times you referred to the Gates Foundation, you called it the Gate Foundation. I assumed you meant the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and

I edited your question to add an "s" to the word "Gate." If you make a spelling mistake like that when you fill out the beneficiary designation forms at your bank and brokerage houses, or when you prepare the Transfer on Death Deed, you might inadvertently be giving everything you own to a foundation that is not the one you intended to name. In fact, there actually is a foundation called the "GATE Foundation" headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla. Clearly, you would want to be careful

to name the correct beneficiary if you decide to complete the forms yourself. Adding a foundation's tax number and address is one way to make sure the money gets to the intended recipient. The information in this column is intended to provide a general understanding of the law, not legal advice. Ronald Lipman of the Houston law firm Lipman & Associates is board-certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Email questions to: stateyourcase@lipmanpc.com.

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Exxon, partner find deposit of natural gas near Cyprus

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NICOSIA, Cyprus — A consortium made up of Exxon Mobil and partner Qatar Energy International has made a second natural gas discovery beneath the seabed south of Cyprus, the government said Monday, a find that bolsters the region's potential as an energy exporter.

New natural gas discoveries in the eastern Mediterranean could help Europe lessen its dependence on Russian hydrocarbons by diversifying its energy supply and help buttress a budding energy partnership between Cyprus, Greece and Israel, said John Sittlides, a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute and geopolitical strategist at Trilogy Advisors in Washington.

“Washington and Brussels would be wise to support this hydrocarbon network to develop a greater measure of critical energy independence for Europe’s hopeful re-industrialization,” Sittlides said.

Cypriot government spokesman Konstantinos

Letymbiotis said in a written statement that the Exxon Mobil’s vice president, John Ardill, briefed Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulides about the discovery at the Pegasus-1 well during a teleconference.

The well was discovered about 18 miles southwest of Cyprus at a depth of 6,302 feet of water. No estimates of the quantity of natural gas were given. The statement said more assessments will be conducted in the coming months to evaluate the results.

The Exxon Mobil-Qatar Energy consortium holds exploration licenses for two areas — or blocks — inside Cyprus’ exclusive economic zone. In 2019, the consortium discovered the Glaucus-1 well inside the same Block 10 where the Pegasus-1 well is located. Cypriot authorities say Glaucus-1 is estimated to contain 3.7 trillion cubic feet of gas.

Overall, Pegasus-1 is the sixth natural gas deposit to be discovered inside Cyprus’ economic zone in the last 14 years. Other depos-

its include the Zeus, Cronos and Calypso wells, which lie inside Block 6 that is operated by a consortium made up of Italy’s Eni and Total of France. Cronos is estimated to hold 3.1 trillion cubic feet of gas and Zeus 2.5 trillion cubic feet. Calypso is still being evaluated.

The Eni-Total consortium holds exploration licenses for four blocks.

The earliest field to be discovered, Aphrodite, is estimated to hold 5.6 trillion cubic feet of gas. The field is inside Block 12, which is operated by a consortium made up of Chevron, NewMed Energy and Shell.

Agreements with Egypt foresee gas from the Cronos and Aphrodite fields to be sent to Egypt via a pipeline for either domestic use or to be processed at Egyptian facilities for export to Europe and other markets.

Cyprus’ Energy Minister George Panastasiou also said that Exxon Mobil, Eni and Total could partner up to jointly develop their gas deposits found in close proximity to each other.

TARIFFS

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worn pattern, Trump plans to continue sharing the letters sent to his counterparts on social media and then mail them the documents.

The letters are not negotiated settlements but Trump’s own choice on rates, a sign that the closed-door talks with foreign delegations failed to produce satisfactory results for either side. Leavitt said that Trump was by setting the rates himself creating “tailor-made trade plans for each and every country on this planet and that’s what this administration continues to be focused on.”

Wendy Cutler, vice president of the Asia Society Policy Institute who formerly worked in the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, said the tariff hikes on Japan and South Korea were “unfortunate.”

“Both have been close partners on economic security matters and have a lot to offer the United States on priority matters like shipbuilding, semiconductors, critical minerals and energy cooperation,” Cutler said. “Moreover, companies from both countries have made significant manufacturing investments in the U.S. in recent years, bringing high-paying jobs to U.S. workers and benefiting communities all around the country.”

Trump still has outstanding differences on trade with the European Union and India, among other trading partners. Tougher talks with China are on a longer time horizon in which imports from that nation are being taxed at 55%.

The S&P 500 stock index was down nearly 1% in Monday afternoon trading, while the interest charged on the 10-year U.S. Treasury noted had increased to nearly 4.39%, a figure that could translate into elevated rates for mortgages and auto loans.

Trump has declared an economic emergency to unilaterally impose the taxes, suggesting they are remedies for past trade deficits even though many U.S. consumers have come to value autos, electronics and other goods from Japan and South Korea. But it’s unclear what he gains strategically against China — another stated reason for the tariffs — by challenging two crucial partners in Asia who could counter China’s economic heft.



Nam Y. Huh/Associated Press file photo

New tariffs on goods imported from Japan will begin Aug. 1, President Donald Trump announced.

“These tariffs may be modified, upward or downward, depending on our relationship with your Country,” Trump wrote in both letters.

Because the new tariff rates go into effect in roughly three weeks, Trump is setting up a period of possibly tempestuous talks among the U.S. and its trade partners to reach new frameworks.

Trump initially sparked hysteria in the financial markets by announcing tariff rates on dozens of countries, including 24% on Japan and 25% on South Korea. In order to calm the markets, Trump unveiled a 90-day negotiating period during which goods from most countries were taxed at a baseline 10%.

The 90-day negotiating period technically ends on Wednesday, even as multiple administration officials suggested the three-week period before implementation is akin to overtime for additional talks that could change the rates. Trump plans to sign an executive order on Monday to delay the official tariff increases until Aug. 1, Leavitt said.

Administration officials have said Trump is relying on tariff revenues to help offset the tax cuts he signed into law on July 4, a move that could shift a greater share of the federal tax burden onto the middle class and poor as importers would likely pass along much of the cost of the tariffs. Trump has warned major retailers such as Walmart to simply “eat” the higher costs, instead of increasing prices in ways that could intensify inflation.

Trump’s team promised 90 deals in 90 days, but his negotiations so far have produced only two trade frameworks.

His trade framework with Vietnam was clearly designed to box out China from routing its America-bound goods through that country, by doubling the 20% tariff charged on Viet-

namese imports on anything traded transnationally.

The quotas in the signed United Kingdom framework would spare that nation from the higher tariff rates being charged on steel, aluminum and autos, still British goods would generally face a 10% tariff.

The United States ran a \$69.4 billion trade imbalance in goods with Japan in 2024 and a \$66 billion imbalance with South Korea, according to the Census Bureau. The trade deficit was \$24.9 billion with Malaysia, \$1.3 billion with Kazakhstan, \$8.9 billion with South Africa, \$763 million with Laos, \$577 million with Myanmar. The trade deficits are the differences between what the U.S. exports to a country relative to what it imports.

According to Trump’s letters, autos would be tariffed separately at the standard 25% worldwide, while steel and aluminum imports would be taxed on 50%.

This is not the first time that Trump has tangled with Japan and South Korea on trade — and the new tariffs suggest his past deals made during his first term failed to deliver on his administration’s own hype.

In 2018 during Trump’s first term, his administration celebrated a revamped trade agreement with South Korea as a major win. And in 2019, Trump signed a limited agreement with Japan on agricultural products and digital trade that at the time he called a “huge victory for America’s farmers, ranchers and growers.”

Trump has also said on social media that countries aligned with the policy goals of BRICS, an organization composed of Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates, would face additional tariffs of 10%.

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Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Delma Kathleen Dekkers were issued on June 25, 2025, in Docket No. 532630, pending in the Statutory Probate Court Number 2 of Harris County, Texas, to Cynthia Michelle Baxter. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:
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147 Fredericksburg Road
New Braunfels, TX 78130
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FORMAL BID – CFISD will receive request for proposals 6/30/2026 10:00 A.M. for:

Contracted Educational Services and Professional Development Services #25-07-2010RFP
District Fundraiser Services #25-07-2020R-RFP
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Spirit Apparel and Promotional Items #25-07-2040RFP

Attn: Director of Procurement Services, 12510 Windfern Road, Houston, TX 77064
www.cfisd.net/bids
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(RFP-3671) TRUCKING INDUSTRY COLLABORATIVE-CLEAN PORTS PROGRAM

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(RFQ-3675) HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL (HSC) SEDIMENTATION DASHBOARD

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LSL LEAP GROUP LLC is applying to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit (BG) to be located at 25282 Northwest Freeway, Suite 100, Cypress, Harris County, Texas 77429. The business will be operated as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) by LSL LEAP GROUP LLC. This location is outside the corporate limits of any city. Owner: Qiu Yan Li
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Melissa Miller, District Clerk
Montgomery County, Texas
/s/ Nasyim Segal
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CAUSE NUMBER: 202473856

Plaintiff: SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING INC

vs.

Defendant: WICHMAN, JACQUELINE JEAN

IN THE 125th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Harris

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To: UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JACQUELINE JEAN WICHMAN (DECEASED)
WHOSE RESIDENCE AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 125th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Houston, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, JULY 21, 2025, being the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby commanded and required then and there to appear and file written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, filed in said Court on October 23, 2024, in a suit numbered 202473856 on the docket of said court, wherein SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING INC Plaintiff(s) and WICHMAN, JACQUELINE JEAN, Defendant(s), the nature of plaintiff's demand being and the said petition alleging:

Plaintiff Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., its successors in interest or assigns, by and through its attorney of record Joseph M. Vacek of Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 5601 Executive Dr., Suite 400, Irving, Texas 75038, brought suit against Donald Daniel Wichman and The Unknown Heirs of Jacqueline Jean Wichman, deceased and any other person claiming any subordinate right, title and/or interest in 22718 Indian Ridge Dr, Katy, Texas 77450 ("Property"), and legally described as:

Lot 22, in block 20, of replat of cimaroun, section eight, a subdivision in harris county, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in volume 279, page 36 of the map records of harris county, Texas.

Notice hereof shall be given by publishing this Citation once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to JULY 21, 2025, in some newspaper published in the County of HARRIS, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then the nearest county where a newspaper is published, and this Citation shall be returned on JULY 15, 2025, which is forty two days after the date it is issued, and the first publication shall be at least twenty-eight days before said return day.

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WITNESS: Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk, Harris County, Texas

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT CONCERNING APPROXIMATELY 8.9 ACRES OF HERMANN PARK ADJACENT TO BEN TAUB HOSPITAL

Hermann Park is owned by the City of Houston and is comprised of approximately 445 acres of land, generally bounded by Fannin Street on the west, Hermann Drive on the north, Alameda Road on the east, and Brays Bayou on the south. The Harris County Hospital District ("Harris Health") intends to take by eminent domain three parcels within Hermann Park consisting of approximately 8.9 acres of real property located across Cambridge Drive and isolated from the remainder of Hermann Park and adjacent to the site of Ben Taub Hospital (the "Hospital") for a public project to redevelop and expand the Hospital's Level I trauma facilities and provide the increased capacity necessary to serve the essential emergency services and health care needs of the residents of the City of Houston, Harris County, and the greater southeast Texas region (the "Project"). The Project is a public necessity for the development of a functional, modern, high-performing health care facility that meets current standards, supports future growth, and ensures continuous delivery of high-quality, resilient care to all patients at the Hospital.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Harris Health will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025, in the Board Room of 4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas 77401 to determine:

- Whether there is any feasible or prudent alternative to the proposed taking by eminent domain of three parcels of land consisting of approximately 8.9 acres within Hermann Park for the Project; and
- Whether the Project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to Hermann Park as a park resulting from the proposed taking by eminent domain of three parcels of land consisting of approximately 8.9 acres within Hermann Park for purposes of the Project.

Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should reserve time by calling the office of the Board of Trustees of Harris Health at 346-426-0354 no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

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Legals/Public Notices

NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDERS OF NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The following persons have been nominated by New York Life Insurance Company's Board of Directors as candidates for the Annual Election of Directors, which will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on April 8, 2026.

Craig L. DeSanto
Chief Executive Officer and President
New York Life Insurance Company

Robert F. Friel
Former Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
PerkinElmer Inc.

Thomas C. Schievelbein
Former Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer
The Brink's Company

Paula A. Steiner
Former President and Chief Executive Officer
Health Care Service Corporation

At the Annual Election, every policyholder whose policy is in force and has been in force at least one year prior thereto is entitled to vote as provided in the Insurance Law of the State of New York. All policyholders who are eligible to vote will be sent an election notice prior to the election (unless the Company is otherwise instructed), providing instructions on the voting process.

July 15, 2025

Legals/Public Notices

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1, Attention Board of Directors, will be electronically received, until Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Local Time, and then publicly opened and read at IDS Engineering Group, 13430 Northwest Freeway, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77040 for "CLEARING AND GRUBBING TO SERVE SHELTON RIDGE DETENTION PHASE IV AND FUTURE SECTIONS, Project No. 1441-065-00, Contract No. 1 for NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1, HARRIS COUNTY, Texas" using the CivCast USA ("CivCast") website; www.civcastusa.com. In addition to the opening of sealed electronic Bids at the address above, you may access the public opening of electronic Bids via tele-conference. To join the bid opening conference remotely please dial (978) 990-5000 and use access code 356847. Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: Clearing and Grubbing for future single family residential subdivisions and detention. Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A pre-bid conference will be held remotely on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Local Time. The Prebid is NOT Mandatory. Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract Documents and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates and Bonds within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the successful bidder. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within one (1) business day of receipt of the bid opening. Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com; search "IDS Engineering Group, 13430 Northwest Freeway, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77040" for "CLEARING AND GRUBBING TO SERVE SHELTON RIDGE DETENTION PHASE IV AND FUTURE SECTIONS". Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents. Bidder must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through www.CivCastUSA.com. Bidder must register on this website to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website. By submitting a Bid, bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed, or agreed to using an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except the time for submitting a Bid. The successful bidder, if any, will be the responsible bidder, which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project. The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and the bidder agrees that the Contract Documents can be terminated if the bidder knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter. NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

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Legal Bids & Proposals

Debris Removal and Disposal Bid No. 25-02

DUE DATE: Friday, August 1, 2025
Due no later than 10:30 A.M. CST. Bids received later than the date and time above will not be considered.

BIDDERS NOTE: Carefully read all instructions, requirements and specifications. Fill out all forms properly and completely. Submit your bid with all appropriate supplements and/or samples in an appropriately sized envelope or box. PACKAGE MUST SHOW THE BID NUMBER, DESCRIPTION AND BE MARKED "SEALED BID".

Copies of the bid documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com; search "City of Hedwig Village Debris Removal and Disposal". Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download the bid documents, including specifications, plans, and other documents for this project. There is NO charge to view or download the bid documents.

Pre-Bid Meeting – There will be NO Pre-Bid meeting, only submissions of questions through CivCast, deadline for submitting questions will be 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

RETURN BID TO: IDS Engineering Group, Inc.
Timothy E. Buscha, P.E.
13430 Northwest Freeway, Suite 700
Houston, Texas 77040
713-462-3178

Project Officer: Timothy E. Buscha, P.E., City Engineer,
IDS Engineering Group

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Debris Monitoring Services Bid No. 25-03

DUE DATE: Friday, August 1, 2025
Due no later than 10:00 A.M. CST. Bids received later than the date and time above will not be considered.

BIDDERS NOTE: Carefully read all instructions, requirements and specifications. Fill out all forms properly and completely. Submit your bid with all appropriate supplements and/or samples in an appropriately sized envelope or box. PACKAGE MUST SHOW THE BID NUMBER, DESCRIPTION AND BE MARKED "SEALED BID".

Copies of the bid documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com; search "City of Hedwig Village Debris Monitoring Services". Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download the bid documents, including specifications, plans, and other documents for this project. There is NO charge to view or download the bid documents.

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RETURN BID TO: IDS Engineering Group, Inc.
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Project Officer: Timothy E. Buscha, P.E., City Engineer,
IDS Engineering Group

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Legal Bids & Proposals

LOT 22, IN BLOCK 20, OF REPLAT OF CIMARRON, SECTION EIGHT, A SUBDIVISION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 279, PAGE 36 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice thereof shall be given by publishing this Citation once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to the 25th day of August, 2025, in some newspaper published in the County of Harris, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then the nearest county where a newspaper is published, and this Citation shall be returned on August 18TH, 2025 which is forty two days after the date it is issued, and the first publication shall be at least twenty-eight days before said return day.

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WITNESS: Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk, Harris County, Texas

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Citation by Publication

CAUSE NUMBER: 202473856

Plaintiff: SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING INC

vs.

Defendant: WICHMAN, JACQUELINE JEAN

IN THE 125th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Harris

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Unknown Heirs at Law of Lemuel Scott Smith, Deceased
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Original Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, the 4th day of August, 2025 before the 284th Judicial District Court of Montgomery County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Conroe, Texas. Said Original Petition was filed in said court on this the 15th day of May, 2025, in this case, numbered 25-05-07892 on the docket of said court.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows:
Freedom Mortgage Corporation are Plaintiffs and
Denise Smith; Unknown Heirs at Law of Lemuel Scott Smith, Deceased are Defendants
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:
This proceeding concerns the foreclosure of a lien on the following real property and improvements commonly known as 31810 Debbi Lane, Magnolia, TX 77355, and more particularly described as LOT THIRTEEN (13), BLOCK ONE (1), WALNUT SPRINGS, SECTION THREE (3), A SUBDIVISION SITUATED IN THE GEORGE H. BRINGHURST SURVEY, A-86, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET B, SHEET 94A OF THE MAP RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS, as is more fully shown by Original Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Conroe Texas, this on this the 18th day of June, 2025.

Melissa Miller, District Clerk
Montgomery County, Texas
/s/ Nasym Segal

IPLHOU0088895

Citation by Publication

CAUSE NUMBER: 202526368

Plaintiff: CAPISTRANO VILLAS NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

vs

Defendant: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ELSA RIVERA (DECEASED)

IN THE 165th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Harris

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To: Unknown Heirs at Law of ELSA RIVERA (DECEASED), Defendant(s), the nature of plaintiff's demand being and the said petition alleging:

Plaintiff Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., its successors in interest or assigns, by and through its attorney of record Joseph M. Vacek of Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 5601 Executive Dr., Suite 400, Irving, Texas 75038, brought suit against Donald Daniel Wichman and The Unknown Heirs of Jacqueline Jean Wichman, deceased and any other person claiming any subordinate right , title and/or interest in 22718 Indian Ridge Dr, Katy, Texas 77450 ("Property"), and legally described as:

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WITNESS: Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk, Harris County, Texas

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Melissa Miller, District Clerk
Montgomery County, Texas
/s/ Nasym Segal

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Citation by Publication

CAUSE NUMBER: 202526368

Plaintiff: CAPISTRANO VILLAS NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

vs

Defendant: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ELSA RIVERA (DECEASED)

IN THE 165th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Harris

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To: Unknown Heirs at Law of ELSA RIVERA (DECEASED), Defendant(s), the nature of plaintiff's demand being and the said petition alleging:

On or around November 11, 1991, Decent, Elsa Rivera, became record owner of the property commonly referred to as 12015 Greenwood Froes Dr Houston, Texas 77066, being legally describes as: "ALL THE CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND OUT OF AND A PART OF RESERVE LOT 22 OF CAPISTRANO VILLAS NORTH, AN ADDITION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, OUT OF THE W.C.R.R. SURVEY NO. 3, BLOCK 4, ABSTRACT NO. 931, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 231, PAGE 118 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND WHICH SAID TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS LOT OR UNIT A IN BLOCK OR BUILDING THIRTY-TWO (32) [...]"

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Citation by Publication

CAUSE NUMBER: 2021-37818

Plaintiff: LAW OFFICES OF WILLIE D POWELLS III & ASSOCIATES PLLC

vs.

Defendant: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS UNIT 590 OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ET AL

IN THE 113th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Harris

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To: BOSTON, DATRIL WHOSE RESIDENCE AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 113th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Houston, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M., Monday, AUGUST 11, 2025, being the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby commanded and required then and there to appear in a written answer to the PLAINTIFFS ORIGINAL PETITION IN INTERPLEADER filed in said court on June 22, 2021, in a suit numbered 2021-37818 on the docket of said court, wherein LAW OFFICES OF WILLIE D POWELLS III & ASSOCIATES PLLC Plaintiff(s) and SPECIAL COLLECTIONS UNIT 590 OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ET AL, Defendant(s), the nature of plaintiff's demand being and the said petition alleging:

SYNOPSIS
BECAUSE DEFENDANT CANNOT BE FOUND AND BECAUSE PLAINTIFF BELIEVES DEFENDANT TO BE A TRANSIENT PERSON, PLAINTIFF NOW MOVES FOR THE COURT TO GRANT ITS MOTION FOR 3 SUBSTITUTED SERVICE AND PERMIT CITATION BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO TEXAS RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 109. SEE TEX. R. CIV. P. 109.

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WITNESS: Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk, Harris County, Texas

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CAUSE NUMBER: 202526368

Plaintiff: CAPISTRANO VILLAS NORTH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

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Harris Health Minutes Excerpt
from Public Hearing, Held July 24, 2025

MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 2025

9:00 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION
I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance	The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, Chair. It was noted that a quorum was present, and the attendance was recorded. Dr. Caracostis noted that while some Board members were present in person, others were participating via videoconference, in accordance with state law and the Harris Health Videoconferencing Policy. The meeting was accessible for public viewing online through the Harris Health website: http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live. Dr. Caracostis noted that, due to space constraints in the room caused by the public hearing, she recommended moving item V.A. to the top of the agenda. She asked if there were any objections from the Board; with no objections from the quorum of board members present, the public hearing was moved to the beginning of the agenda.	A copy of the attendance is appended to the archived minutes.
V. Public Hearing	A. Public Hearing, Pursuant to Tex. Parks & Wildlife Code Ann. §26.002 Regarding the Taking by Eminent Domain of Three Parcels within Hermann Park Consisting of Approximately 8.9 Acres of Real Property Located Across Cambridge Drive and Isolated from the Remainder of Hermann Park and Adjacent to the Site of Ben Taub Hospital for a Public Project to Redevelop and Expand Ben Taub Hospital's Level I Trauma Facilities • Public Hearing Statement • Public Comment Dr. Caracostis called to order the public hearing on the proposal for Harris County Hospital District (Harris Health) to take, by eminent domain, three parcels within Hermann Park. These parcels consist of approximately 8.9 acres of real property located across Cambridge Street, isolated from the remainder of Hermann Park, and adjacent to the Ben Taub Hospital site. The proposed taking is part of a public project to redevelop and expand the hospital's Level I trauma facilities and to provide the increased capacity necessary to meet the essential emergency services and healthcare needs of the residents of the City of Houston, Harris County, and the greater Southeast Texas region (the "Project"). Dr. Caracostis shared that Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, President and CEO of Harris Health, would present an overview of the Project and the necessity for the public hearing. She noted that legal counsel for Harris Health was present to respond to any legal questions regarding the hearing and the Project. Board members were also invited to ask questions or seek further clarification of the proposal. Dr. Porsa provided an overview of the Project and the necessity for the proposed land acquisition. He stated that Harris Health intends to take, by eminent domain, three parcels within Hermann Park to support the redevelopment and expansion of the hospital's Level I trauma facilities. He added	<i>Item taken out of order.</i> <u>Motion No. 25.07-75</u> Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Mr. Paul Puente, and unanimously passed that the Board close the public hearing. Motion carried.

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	that this proposed expansion is critical to meeting growing healthcare demands in Houston, Harris County, and the broader Southeast Texas region. He explained that Hermann Park, which is owned by the City of Houston, comprises approximately 445 acres and is bounded by Fannin Street (west), Hermann Drive (north), Almeda Road (east), and Brays Bayou (south). The three parcels in question are located across from Ben Taub Hospital and bordered by Lamar Fleming Drive, Cambridge Street, and Braeswood Boulevard. Although within Hermann Park, these parcels are separated from the main body of the park by Cambridge Street and represent less than 2% of the park's total acreage. Dr. Porsa acknowledged that the land is subject to park use restrictions and reversionary interests, which would be addressed through the condemnation process. He explained that Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code requires the Board of Trustees of Harris Health to hold a public hearing prior to the acquisition of park land for public use. Under Section 26.001, a public entity may not approve any project requiring the use of park land unless, after a public hearing, the governing body determines: 1. There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use or taking of park land, and 2. The project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the park. Ben Taub Hospital, established in 1966, is a cornerstone of Harris County's safety net healthcare system and one of only two Level I trauma centers in the County. It serves nearly 5 million residents in the region and offers 24/7 access to essential medical care and surgical specialties. Currently, the hospital is consistently operating above its maximum licensed capacity of 402 beds, due to growing demand. Population growth in Harris County is projected to increase by 5% by 2030, with the senior population expected to grow by 20% during the same period, further increasing strain on trauma and emergency services. Harris Health anticipates that approximately 110 additional beds will be needed to accommodate an estimated 18,000 additional emergency room visits over the next decade. Dr. Porsa explained that expanding capacity within the existing hospital footprint was found to be infeasible due to: • Structural limitations of the aging facility, • Inability to close parts of the hospital during construction without disrupting essential services.	

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	Therefore, acquiring the adjacent parcels is necessary to construct a modern, high-performing healthcare facility. The new facility would meet current standards, accommodate future growth, and ensure continuous delivery of high-quality, resilient care. These three parcels are the only adjacent land available for expansion. Their proximity to Ben Taub Hospital makes them uniquely suited for the construction of a new patient tower, which would be directly connected to the existing hospital via a skybridge. This connection will ensure access to the full range of Level I trauma services and facilitate the efficient movement of staff and patients. Dr. Porsa emphasized Harris Health's commitment to collaborating with the City of Houston, the Hermann Park Conservancy, the Houston Zoo, the Texas Medical Center, and other stakeholders to ensure that the project is carried out thoughtfully and with community needs in mind. Because no other land near Ben Taub Hospital is available to support the expanded facility, and to maintain current hospital operations during construction, there is no feasible or prudent alternative to the acquisition of the proposed parcels. Harris Health also commits to taking all reasonable measures to minimize harm to the rest of Hermann Park and to preserve public access. Until the condemnation proceedings are complete, and ownership is transferred, the land will continue to be used for park purposes by the City of Houston. Dr. Porsa noted that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board will be asked to authorize Harris Health officials to begin specific actions over the next two months, including engagement with the City of Houston and other stakeholders. At its September meeting, the Board will consider a resolution containing the required findings under Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and authorizing the acquisition of the three parcels through condemnation. Dr. Caracostis opened the public hearing for comments, allotting each speaker three minutes. The following individuals provided comments related to the proposed expansion of Ben Taub Hospital's Level I trauma facilities: 1. Ms. Cara Lambright, President & CEO, Hermann Park Conservancy 2. Mr. Michael Evans, Director, City of Houston Parks 3. Mr. William "Bill" McKeon, President & CEO, Texas Medical Center 4. Mr. Sebastian Solar, Harris Health Strategic Fund & Member, Hermann Park Conservancy Board of Directors 5. Ms. Lisa Peterson, President & CEO, Houston Zoo 6. Mr. Sebastian Solar, on behalf of Ms. Beth Robertson, Chair, Harris Health Strategic Fund 7. Dr. Paul Klotman, President & CEO, Baylor College of Medicine	