



December 18, 2025

Dr. Esmaeil Porsa
President and Chief Executive Officer
Harris Health
4800 Fournace Place
Bellaire, TX 77401

Dear Dr. Porsa,

The Greater Houston Partnership, representing the business community and leading institutions across the 12-county greater Houston region, supports the continued collaboration among Harris Health leadership and stakeholders from the City of Houston, Harris County, and the Hermann Park Conservancy regarding the proposed expansion of Ben Taub Hospital, including the addition of 100 patient beds on adjacent Hermann Park land.

As a city committed to transformation in service of the public good, we see this approach as a balanced solution, one that meets the region's critical health care needs while preserving public access to valued greenspace. This plan thoughtfully minimizes impacts to existing parkland and reflects a clear commitment to enhancing greenspaces that are vital to community well-being and quality of life.

Ben Taub Hospital is one of only two Level I trauma centers serving our region and a cornerstone of the Texas Medical Center. Its role in delivering advanced trauma care to residents and visitors alike are indispensable, often making the difference in life-saving outcomes. Expanding the capacity at Ben Taub will help ensure more patients receive timely, high-quality care when it matters most.

The Partnership appreciates the leadership demonstrated by Harris Health and the Hermann Park Conservancy in working toward a solution that advances their respective missions while serving broader public interest.

We stand alongside all parties engaged in this effort and support a path forward that strengthens Houston's health care system, protects community assets, and delivers lasting benefits Houstonians for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Kean', written over a horizontal line.

Steve Kean
President & CEO

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