



December 10, 2025

Esmail Porsa, MD  
President & CEO, Harris Health  
4800 Fournace Place  
Bellaire, Texas 77401

Dear Dr. Porsa:

Thank you for attending our recent membership meeting and for your presentation regarding the Ben Taub expansion project. Your presentation was highly informative and clearly demonstrated the need for the expansion.

Unfortunately, Houston and Harris County are home to one of the largest uninsured populations, which places Harris Health at the forefront of providing access to public health care to those most in need. During peak times, having to place patients in hallways until a room becomes available is unacceptable. Any patient seeking care should receive equitable services and dignified care regardless of their socio-economic status.

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 60 we proudly submit this letter of support to Harris Health for acquiring the 8.9 acres of land through eminent domain to be used for a new patient tower and in the future a new Ben Taub Hospital.

In closing, we would like to express our gratitude to the staff of Harris Health for your commitment and dedication to public health care and serving those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Rachel Cevallos de Gonzales".

Rachel Cevallos de Gonzales  
President  
Historic LULAC Council 60