



September 22, 2025

Esmail Porsa, MD, MBA, MPH, CCHP
President and CEO
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Dear Dr. Porsa,

Standing with Harris Health in Support of Ben Taub Expansion

The Harris Health Strategic Fund (HHSF) proudly stands with Harris Health in advancing the Ben Taub Expansion Project. This initiative addresses not just an urgent need but a public health necessity that will bring life-saving benefits to Harris County.

When Harris County residents resoundingly voted in support of Harris Health's \$2.5 billion bond in 2023, the Harris Health Strategic Fund launched our \$100 million capital campaign – *Investing in a Healthier Harris County* – in support of the bond projects, including the expansion of Ben Taub through the creation of a new patient tower. This expansion project reflects our shared commitment to improving the health of those most in need in Harris County through quality care delivery, coordination of care, and education.

While we are not engaged in management of the project, we recognize its importance and commend Harris Health for its leadership and vision. I am very proud to chair this fundraising initiative and am grateful for the early and significant support of generous donors and volunteers across the city that have joined in this campaign to improve public health in Harris County. Like Harris Health Strategic Fund, our donors understand the great need and stand with us in support of the major upgrade to Harris Health's facilities.

I encourage Harris County and Houston leaders and partners to join us in endorsing and championing this effort. Together we can significantly improve the health of Houston.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Robertson".

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