



May 4, 2026

**The Honorable John Whitmire**  
City of Houston  
901 Bagby Street  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mayor Whitmire,

On behalf of **Houston Ministers Against Crime (HMAC)**, we write to express our strong support for "*Houston's Plan for a Stronger, More Stable Budget.*"

As faith leaders committed to public safety and community well-being, we recognize that Houston is at a turning point. With rising costs and growing demands for city services, we appreciate your leadership in recognizing that efficiency alone is not enough and in advancing responsible, forward-thinking solutions.

We support your proposed funding modernizations, including the Right-of-Way Rental Fee and Solid Waste as a Municipal Utility. These measures reflect fair, use-based approaches that create stable funding while reducing pressure on property taxes.

Strong, reliable funding is essential to protecting the services our communities depend on such as police and fire, neighborhood services, municipal courts, parks, and libraries; all of which play a critical role in preventing crime and strengthening neighborhoods.

Your plan demonstrates both fiscal responsibility and a clear commitment to the safety and stability of Houston. HMAC stands ready to support your efforts and partner in communicating its importance across our communities.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to all Houstonians.

Sincerely,

Rev. F. N. Williams II, President  
Houston Ministers Against Crime

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