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## LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE CITY OF HOUSTON FY27 BUDGET PROPOSAL

May 12, 2026

To: The Honorable John Whitmire  
City of Houston  
P.O. Box 1562  
Houston, TX 77251

**Re:** City of Houston FY27 Budget Support

Dear Mayor Whitmire,

On behalf of The Vietnamese Community of Houston & Vicinities (VNCH), we write to express our support for the proposed FY27 budget, and the tools used to close the budget gap.

We support the Mayor's overall approach to addressing the City's budget challenges, including the creation of a dedicated solid waste fee and the use of Enterprise Fund resources to help support core services. We recognize the need to move beyond one-time fixes, including selling property and utilizing federal funds, and begin addressing the City's underlying structural issues. Creating a dedicated funding source for solid waste is a step in that direction and helps more clearly tie the cost of services to how they are funded and puts the city in line with other major cities across Texas that have existing trash fees.

We also support the proposed Right Of Way fee applied to the combined utilities system. Houston's Rights Of Way are critical public assets that support both mobility and the delivery of essential utility services. Ensuring that their use contributes to their maintenance reflects a practical and forward-looking approach, consistent with how peer cities manage and fund these systems.

The Vietnamese Community of Houston stands ready to serve as a resource as the City continues to refine and implement these policies. We appreciate your leadership in addressing Houston's fiscal challenges instead of kicking the can down the road. We look forward to continued collaboration with the City of Houston's proposed budget.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr. Bryan Chu – President  
VNCH

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