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Museum Park Neighborhood Association joins with MP Super Neighborhood in opposing the current Holocaust Museum's agreement with the city of Houston to pay for the acquisition of public right of way through acquisition of additional public right of way (north lanes of 1200 Calumet) to create a pocket park.

This agreement was negotiated in city of Houston offices and approved by city council without public input. The closure of an additional two lanes of public right of way to create the park assumes this block can never again be part of the traffic grid. And although 1200 Calumet is currently blocked by light rail, future traffic needs may well include the reopening of the crossing at San Jacinto.

Current infrastructure needs within Museum Park far outweigh the installation of a pocket park behind the Clayton. Sidewalks along Caroline are impassable between Calumet and Binz. Caroline @ Binz serves as a gateway into Museum Park where visitors to the institutions along Caroline, HMH, Clayton, Asia Society, Houston Museum of African American Culture, and Buffalo Soldiers can enjoy infrastructure improvement. Museum Park's Livable Centers Study, endorsed by the city of Houston, charts a plan that will give the institutions a fitting backdrop. We ask your support to ensure that the LCS is consulted in all planning for Museum Park.

We respectfully request that the planning department renegotiate the agreement after first taking public input on what options best serve the community at large. Museum Park with its twelve million visitors a year is home to world class institutions including HMH and Clayton Library. Our pedestrian visitors deserve infrastructure that enables them to negotiate their way between the various institutions.

Thank you for your continued support,
Sandra Stevens, President
Museum Park Neighborhood Association