



SALLIE ALCORN
Houston City Council Member
At-Large, Position 5

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Dear Founding Families of Pleasantville,

I enthusiastically congratulate you on Pleasantville's first historical marker highlighting the history and achievements of Pleasantville and its residents.

Pleasantville is one of the nation's first masterplan communities developed for African American families during segregation. This made it an attractive place for prominent members of Houston's business and political circles to purchase homes. The neighborhood took off as an area where African American businesses thrived, with shops, restaurants, and even one of the first African American radio stations in the country popping up as homes were completed.

Pleasantville gained national recognition for its extremely high rate of civic engagement and voter turnout, making it an important campaign stop for local politicians. Pleasantville native Judson Robinson Jr. was the first African American serve on Houston City Council in the twentieth century, after winning the 1971 election for District B. He was also the first person ever elected to my current role, At-Large 5 Council Member for the City of Houston.

Pleasantville's many accomplished residents have left their mark on Houston and are a very important part of our history. I am grateful Pleasantville's contributions and history will be properly and permanently recognized through this historical marker.

Many Congratulations,

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