

Earlier in the year, the SN 22 Council voted to issue a qualified endorsement for the Renew Houston initiative. SN 22 supports the concept of creating a dedicated fund for use on a pay-as-you-go basis to implement flooding and drainage projects ranked and executed in order of need. However, SN 22's endorsement was qualified by a call for establishment – before the November election – of clearly stated, objective standards and criteria to govern implementation of the initiative. SN 22 members expressed particular concern that the city's performance standards for new development be amended to incentivize use of Low Impact Design (LID) and to eliminate "grandfathering" that allows previously developed properties to be completely redeveloped without updated detention and mitigation so long as the amount of impervious cover does not increase. Moreover, when community members asked the Mayor and City Council to make approval of the "380 Agreement" recently negotiated to facilitate development of a Walmart Supercenter on an old industrial site at Yale and Koehler contingent on the developer's agreement to include LID features and to forego the "grandfathering" for drainage, the Mayor and 11 City Councilmembers\* ignored the community's request and approved the agreement without these provisions.

In late September the Flooding and Drainage Committee of the Super Neighborhood Alliance wrote to Mayor Parker urging her to address Super Neighborhood concerns about flooding and drainage regardless of what the voters decide about Proposition 1.

Mayor Parker has issued a statement of principles that she has committed to use to craft an ordinance to implement Proposition 1 should city voters approve it. But neither Mayor Parker, nor City Council has agreed to be bound by those principles. Additionally, the mayor's statement of principles does not address the issues about which SN 22 members have expressed particular concern.

For these reasons SN 22 is unable to encourage its members to vote for Proposition 1.

\* Opposing the 380 Agreement were Councilmembers: Ed Gonzales, Jolanda Jones, Melissa Noriega and James Rodriquez.