

District I Announcements

On behalf of Council Member James G. Rodriguez

Produced Results for District I in 2009



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It has been an honor to serve District I for yet another year. 2009 was an especially great year for our district. Through collaboration with Mayor Bill White, city departments and corporate partners, we were able to bring quality services and facilities to our community.

Parks

Green space is a very important amenity for the growth of our neighborhoods, especially within our youth. Recently, we have broken ground on the construction of **Robert C. Stuart Park**, as well as the renovation of **Wiley Park** and **Market Square Park**. We also held a ribbon cutting for the renovation of **West Webster Park**.

Libraries

Houston Libraries create educational opportunities for constituents of all ages. I was pleased to work with Mayor White on the ribbon cutting for the **African American Library at Gregory School** and **Julia Ideson Library**.

CDBG

It has been a pleasure to work with our housing department to secure funds for the renovation of **Stanaker Library** and the construction of the **Community Family Centers JP McGovern Building**.

Public Safety

I was honored to work with Issa Dadoush (General Services Director) to obtain funds to renovate **Fire Station 20** after it was severely

damaged by Hurricane Ike in 2008. I am proud to say we were able to complete this task in a little over a year.

Quality of Life/Neighborhood Protection

District I has its fair share of nuisances. My staff and I have established strong relationships with our Neighborhood Protection team and work tirelessly to address those nuisances. As a result, we have successfully protested liquor licenses such as those for **Las Chamacas** and **Suzanna's Night Club**. Our efforts have also resulted in the demolition of dangerous buildings such as the **Holiday Forest Apartments**.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

CIP is an opportunity to fund improvements to infrastructure and public facilities. This year, we were able to complete the reconstruction of **Market Street**. Most recently we completed renovation of the **Magnolia Multi Service Center**. Furthermore, we were able to secure funds to renovate **Woodruff Park**.

Fundraising

My wife, Wendy and I believe it is just as important to raise funds for worthy causes. We have proudly raised over \$200,000 for organizations and programs including, but not limited to the **University of Houston Center for Mexican American Studies**, **El Centro de Corazon**, the **Habitat for Humanity's Re-store**, and our **Historic Gus Wortham Golf Course**.