



March 15, 2010

Honorable Mayor Annise D. Parker
City of Houston
P O Box 1562
Houston, Texas 77251

Re: Association of Retired Houston Municipal Employees (ARHME)

Association of
Retired
Houston
Municipal
Employees

Honorable Mayor Parker:

On behalf of ARHME, I would like to congratulate you on your successful campaign for mayor. With all the current problems facing the city, the citizens will be well served to have someone with your experience to lead the city forward.

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As background, ARHME was formed a few years ago as a non-profit, grassroots organization of retired city of Houston municipal employees dedicated to responsibly protecting and preserving retirement benefits. ARHME was created to give a voice and face to those of us who, after years of loyal and conscientious public service, retired from the city of Houston and are receiving pension benefits.

As you are well aware, the short falls in the city's pension systems have been a topic of discussion during the mayoral elections. Medical insurance benefit cost increases and their impact on the city budget have also been discussed at length. While these issues are a major challenge to your administration, our membership is equally concerned about the decisions that may be made and their potential impact on the benefits they currently receive. Equally as important, current employees need to be assured that the retirement benefit promises made to them will be there for them when they retire.

Members of the board would sincerely appreciate an opportunity to share their concerns with you at an appropriate time when you take up this issue for discussion. We believe, and are sure you agree, that keeping lines of communication open is essential and of benefit to all. We look forward to hearing from you.

I can be reached at (713) 859-3284 or via email at gbravenec@arhme.net.

Sincerely,

George H. Bravenec
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Association of Retired Houston Municipal Employees

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