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Judge Lina Hidalgo
Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Commissioner Adrian Garcia
Commissioner Steve Radack
Commissioner Jack Cagle

**RE: Letter of Support Regarding
Harris County Commissioners Court Agenda Item 22.b.2 (September 29, 2020)
Budget and Design of Quebedeaux Park and the Incorporation of the Remembrance
Project**

Dear Judge Hidalgo and Commissioners:

The members and leadership of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church strongly support the proposal to incorporate the Harris County Remembrance Project markers acknowledging four victims of racial terror between 1877 and 1950 and to redevelop the entire block to incorporate the struggles of all marginalized people seeking social justice and human rights. We urge you all to support this action.

Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church members believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity and compassion in human relations and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

We believe that the installation of these permanent public markers will help with remembrance and reconciliation, will help to create greater understanding, will help encourage reflection on how racial terror influenced racial and ethnic exclusion and inequality, and will honor all who seek social justice and human rights. We believe the installation of the proposed markers will help Harris County residents to thoughtfully discuss and formulate policies to further address these issues.

Sincerely,

EMERSON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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