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CLEAR LAKE NEIGHBORHOODS LEAD HOUSTON IN RECYCLING

October 15, 2009 – Houston Council Member Peter Brown and Keep Houston Beautiful proclaimed the Pine Brook and Oakbrook communities as two of the highest recycling neighborhoods in Houston’s automated recycling pilot program.

With a six-month average participation rate of 76%, Pine Brook took the title of number one recycler in Houston. Westbury in southwest Houston took second place with 68.2%, while Oakbrook took third with 68.1% participation. “The automated recycling program has been a great success,” said Brown. “Participation in curbside recycling has increased on average from 25% to 60%.”

Council Member Brown recognized board members of the Pine Brook Community Association for their neighborhood’s achievement at a recent Houston City Council meeting, “Pine Brook has really raised the bar in Houston,” Brown told Mayor Bill White and City Council Members. Robin Blut of Keep Houston Beautiful was also present to award Pine Brook with \$1,000 for their first place finish. Oakbrook was awarded \$250 in late September, and Westbury will receive a \$500 award for their second place finish at their October 21 civic club meeting. The neighborhoods plan to use the money for revitalization and beautification projects.

The automated recycling pilot program was originally planned for eight Houston neighborhoods, but due to its success has grown to include more than 20 neighborhoods with possible plans to include even more in the near future. The eight original neighborhoods are Lindale Park, Meyerland, Oakbrook, Old Sixth Ward, Pineloch, Pine Brook, Riverwood Estates and Westbury.

Peter Brown, FAIA, AICP, is a third-generation Houstonian, a nationally recognized architect and urban planner, serving his second term on Houston City Council, At-Large Position 1.

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