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Dear Chairman Cortez and members of the committee,

I write in opposition to House Bill 1219 as proposed by Representative Gary Gates. If passed, the bill will undermine the existence of legally established and operated management districts by changing the rules and eliminating the two-thirds petition threshold required to dissolve certain management districts.

This bill appears to be motivated by Gatesco, Inc., a residential property management company with several properties within the Hobby Area Management District, which recently initiated a campaign to disband the district. Since the company has been unable to meet the two-thirds majority threshold required by law to dissolve the Hobby District, Gatesco, Inc. seems to have appealed its efforts to the bill's author, Rep. Gates, who is also President of the namesake company. This bill, if passed, will provide a personal benefit to a few at the expense of the greater community who benefits from the work and enhancements provided by management districts.

House Bill 1219 is misguided at best and may present a potentially serious conflict of interest at worst. I ask members of the committee to reject and vote it down.

Respectfully,

Robert Gallegos
Houston Council Member, District I
& Chair, Quality of Life Committee

Cc: State Senator Carol Alvarado
State Representative Garnet Coleman
State Representative Christina Morales

