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City recognizes Eldridge/West Oaks and Memorial Super Neighborhood Councils

HOUSTON, December 15, 2009 — Mayor White and the Houston City Council officially recognized the Eldridge/West Oaks super neighborhood council and the Memorial super neighborhood council at a ceremony in City Hall on December 15, 2009. These super neighborhood councils successfully completed all the preliminary steps, which include gathering diverse stakeholder representation, creating an organizational structure and drafting by-laws.

At the recognition ceremony, the councils were introduced to their City liaison. The liaison helps the councils with their super neighborhood action plans, which identify and prioritize improvement projects. The liaison helps the council shepherd priority projects through the appropriate City processes. The liaison for both councils is Elaine Gaskamp in the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office.

The Eldridge/West Oaks Super Neighborhood is in far west Houston, south of Buffalo Bayou, and down into the northern part of Alief. It includes the energy corridor on the north. Eldridge/West Oaks moved from rural sprawling ranches just 30 years ago, to an area with booming residential, energy and business growth. Eldridge/West Oaks will work closely with the other super neighborhoods in west Houston on public forums and projects.

Memorial is one of Houston's most prestigious neighborhoods. Situated between Buffalo Bayou and I-10, west of several incorporated villages, the community takes its name from the main thoroughfare, Memorial Drive. The first significant residential development in this area began in the 1950s. Subdivisions range from comfortable mass-produced homes to million dollar estates. Development along I-10 on the northern portion of the area includes office and retail districts at Memorial City and CityCentre.

We believe that super neighborhoods offer communities a way to communicate more effectively with the City and for residents and stakeholders a way to communicate more effectively with each other," said Marlene L. Gafrick, director of the Planning and Development Department. "It's an exciting dynamic for these neighborhoods and a great way for neighborhoods to implement projects."

For more information about the Super Neighborhood initiative, call the Planning and Development Department at (713) 837-7701 or go to www.houstonplanning.com.