

**STOP STEALING OUR TAXES  
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Neighbors:

We need your help. Please sign and mail the enclosed Petition to the above address, and ask others to join us. Please ask Mayor Turner to stop stealing taxes from your schools, police, firemen, Hospital District, Houston Community College, and others.

How is the Mayor stealing your taxes? By GIVING AWAY your current and future tax dollars to Dallas developer Ojala Holdings to build 600 apartments at Jensen and Buffalo Bayou. Ojala wants to build a \$100 million dollar project BUT GUESS WHAT – Ojala wants to take away your property taxes for their project, FOREVER.

That's over \$2,200,000 PER YEAR in future tax that the Mayor wants to GIVE AWAY to Ojala without asking Houston City Council or anyone else for permission.

On November 28, 2019, your neighbors (Board Members for TIRZ 23) found out about this Ojala Deal and voted unanimously against it. The Houston Chronicle was informed but did not tell you about this TIRZ 23 vote – why not?

Is there anything good about the Ojala Deal?

1. The new I-69 bridges over Buffalo Bayou are going to be built next door to 85 low income apartments (moved from Clayton Homes) in the Ojala project. We support low income housing for poor families, but don't build these apartments next to a noisy highway (over 75dB, the sound of a vacuum cleaner) with air pollution raining down on tenants. Its against Federal Law.
2. Those 85 low income apartments will be built three blocks away from 447 EXISTING low income apartments (Kennedy Place and Kelley Village). Do we really want to pack more poor families into the same neighborhood? Its against Federal Law.
3. Ojala plans to send the children from 600 new apartments to failed schools (Yates High School FAILED the past 7 years) – is that really going to help these children?
4. If Ojala builds this project nothing will prevent Ojala from selling the Project to someone else for a huge profit. And then you are stuck with a new neighbor you don't know anything about. While your taxes pay for them to have free schools, police, fireman, hospital, and other services.

**PLEASE TELL THE MAYOR TO STOP**