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Anthony B. Pinn, Founding Director  
Maya Reine, Project Coordinator  
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Dear Mr. Pinn and Ms. Reine:

Thank you for sharing the three winning essays in the H.E.R.E. essay contest. The writing was literate; the topics were timely and relevant to Houston’s quality of life, and I am pleased that you have focused our high school students on their community and how to make it a better place in which to live and work.

I have enclosed letters to each of the winners and hope that you can pass those letters along. I did not have addresses for Mr. Solis, Ms. Casio or Mr. Supercinski.

Thank you for creating and implementing this innovative and creative program that connects students to the community and at the same time enhances their ability to score well on their SATs.

Sincerely,

Annise Parker  
Mayor