



**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Request for Project Approval Form**

1. **Project Number**
2. **Project Name** **Cougar Place Replacement
Scope and Site Approval**
3. **Committee Date** **April 8, 2011**
4. **Requesting Department** **Residential Life and Housing**
5. **Contact Name & Phone Number** **Emily Messa, x3-8184**
6. **Presenter:** **Emily Messa**
7. **Description** **Approval of Scope and Site**

Project Overview

UH is working to increase student success by the recruitment of top scholars, retaining those students once they become Cougars and graduating them in higher proportions. On campus living/learning opportunities are central to all of these efforts. In addition one of the measures Carnegie and others use for classifying Tier One Universities is having 25% of undergraduate students living on campus. Based on this the Regents have adopted a goal of having 7500 UH students living on campus by 2015 and 9000 students living on campus by 2020.

Since enacting the 2006 Campus Framework Plan, the University has steadily added residential housing toward these goals. Cougar Village Phase One opened in Fall 2010 to provide over 1100 students a quality freshmen living/learning experience. The project coupled with the renovation of the Moody Dining Hall was extremely successful. That lead to questions from those students about where they can move when the next class of freshmen enroll at UH and demands by those residents for a similar high quality living/learning experience oriented to their needs as Sophomores.

With Metro light rail and the development of the West and Southwest portions of Campus the existing Cougar Place site could be much better utilized than its current low density development. In addition the existing Cougar Place complex contains significant costly deferred maintenance problems, has outlived its 25 year life-span, and would require extensive renovation to meet current codes and housing standards. Razing and redeveloping this site will extend the Student Life synergy started with

Moody Dining Renovation and Cougar Village Phase One. When coupled with the new West Campus Dining Hall, renovations to the Quadrangle and Moody Towers and Cougar Village Phase 2 it will provide UH with an extended zone of activity and Campus Life fostering Student Success.

The new Cougar Place project replaces and is on the site of the current Cougar Place complex, located south of Robertson Stadium and west of Cullen Street. The project's entry will be near the intersection of Cougar Place Drive and Cullen, directly across from the intersection of Cougar Place Drive and the proposed loop road. It will double the housing density currently at the site, meet all current codes, and offer new housing and academic amenities to this area of campus. It will also energize the Southwest quadrant of campus and anchor the west end to the Student Living Zone.

The project will be bid with a base proposal of 800 beds with an alternate for 200 additional beds. Unit configuration is expected to be 4-bedroom suites with 2 private baths, and a small common living area.

Design of the facility will be based on the materials and palette of recent UH buildings. A ceramic tile mural by artist Malou Flato currently affixed to one of the apartment exterior walls will be dismantled and re-installed at another campus location.

- 8. Cost of Project** **TBD**
- 9. Source of Funding:** **Revenue Bonds**
- 10. Proposed Start Date:** **Upon approval**

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 Executive Director
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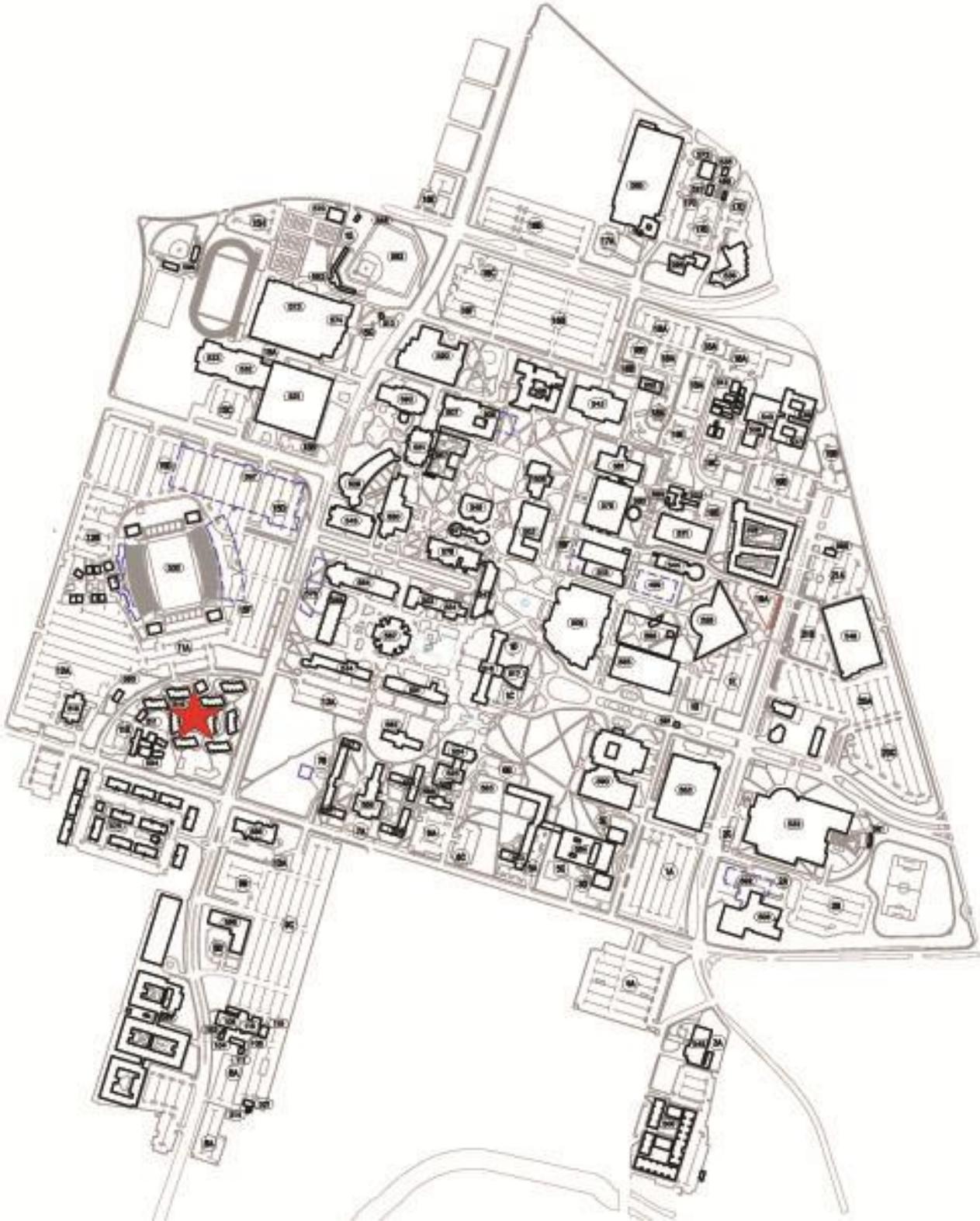
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