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## What is REAL Houston?

REAL Houston, a 501(c)(6) non-profit, was launched in 2020 by clean energy incumbents in support of a growing industry in Houston. REAL Houston works to do the following:

- Grow the clean energy community in the Houston area
- Promote thought leadership and conversation about clean energy issues
- Connect early career professionals to the industry, and each other
- REAL does not lobby: all opinions are my own

**Connection, Conversation, Community**



Renewable energy, particularly wind energy, grew in Texas in the early 2000s, initially as a hedge against natural gas prices. Utilities were the first buyers.

This year, for the first time nat gas prices have begun to correlate with global pricing. Global factors indicate that nat gas prices may be on the rise over the long term.

It is estimated that renewable energy saved Texans \$11B in electricity costs in 2022. Renewable energy also helps conserve the withdrawal and consumption of water, saving billions of gallons in 2022.

Meanwhile, the renewable energy industry faced an unprecedented amount of anti-renewable legislation in the 88<sup>th</sup> session.

