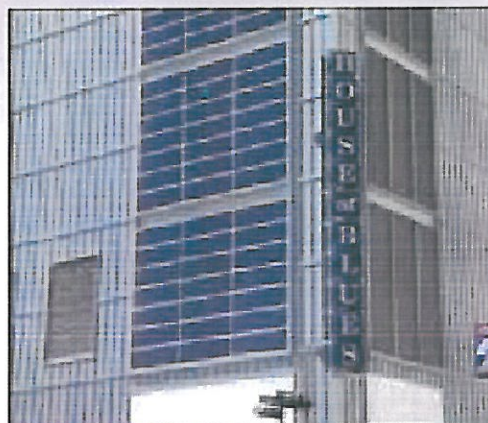


## \$200 Million Complex To Open Downtown

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HOUSTON - Despite the downturn in the economy, a multi-million dollar development is about to open in downtown Houston, KPRC Local 2 reported Thursday.

The House of Blues is about to start singing at the corner of Dallas and Caroline. It will be the anchor tenant for the \$200 million Houston Pavilions development.



The project covers three city blocks.

It prepares to open as stocks fell for a seventh straight day. But that does not worry the House of Blues.

"You can come and do everything in one venue and get a night out and not spend a great deal. We think it's the perfect way to escape some of the pressures that everybody's feeling right now," said Deb Eybers, the House of Blues president.

Eybers is optimistic about the Bayou City.

"Houston is great because Houston is one of the few cities that has not been affected as much as other cities in the country. We just feel Houston is a vibrant downtown city we can add more to," she said.

The House of Blues will open this weekend. It will include a restaurant, bar and music hall, which will seat 1,500 people. The facility covers 43,000 square feet.

Eybers and 250 other House of Blues employees spent Thursday carrying trash bags and helping clean up Keith-Weiss Park in west Houston, which was ravaged by Hurricane Ike.

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