

VIA HAND DELIVERY

22 August 2007

The Honorable Will Wynn, Mayor of Austin The Honorable Betty Dunkerley, Mayor *Pro Tem* The Honorable Sheryl Cole, Council Member The Honorable Jennifer Kim, Council Member The Honorable Lee Leffingwell, Council Member The Honorable Mike Martinez, Council Member The Honorable Brewster McCracken, Council Member CITY OF AUSTIN City Hall 301 West Second Street Austin, Texas 78701

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IN RE **City Council Consent Agenda Item #11 for action on 23 August 2007** Agreement for Temporary Construction Access and Right of Entry License by and between City of Austin, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and SpawGlass Contractors, Inc

Dear Mayor and Council Members

We, the undersigned trustees of Covenant Presbyterian Church ("Covenant"), on behalf of our congregation of 2,046 active members, situated on the southeast corner of MoPac and Northland Drive/RR 2222 in Austin, respectfully urge your consideration and timely approval of City Council Consent Agenda Item #11, a proposed *Agreement for Temporary Construction Access and Right of Entry License by and between City of Austin, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and SpawGlass Contractors, Inc* ("License Agreement") in the above-referenced matter to be heard and acted upon by the City Council on August 23

Your adoption of the proposed License Agreement is in the best economic, development, and community service interests of the City and our greater community, and appeals favorably to the broadest constituency of multiple stakeholders

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The Agreement is consistent with the City's Smart Growth Initiative, fosters good neighbor relationships, facilitates tangible solutions to challenging issues and provides benefits impacting Covenant, the Allandale Neighborhood Association, the Northwest Recreation Center, Austin Memorial Park, the City of Austin and our greater community by

- a Providing valuable resources designated for revenue-producing improvements in Austin Memorial Park cemetery
- b Reducing or eliminating a probable necessity for vehicle parking on public streets in the Allandale neighborhood and in the Northwest Recreation Center
- c Assisting in the redevelopment of Covenant's campus in conformity with the City's Neighborhood Plans and Infill and Redevelopment Amendments

The Agreement's timely authorization by you is necessitated after weeks of negotiations with City staff and is imminently needed upon commencement of construction activities on our site

We are aware of limited political opposition among some, but not all, affiliates of a loosely organized group known as Rescue Austin Memorial Park ("RAMP") But we wish to observe that RAMP does not broadly represent all stakeholders in this matter, nor does it represent all who have an interest in Austin Memorial Park cemetery, nor do we believe all of its affiliates' views and positions on this or previous matters surrounding Austin Memorial Park's development are equally aligned

In short, RAMP's position protects a few of its adherents – and alienates a large number of constituents and stakeholders whose interests are aligned in the spirit of good neighbor relationships in support of projects such as ours which bring responsible growth and vitality to the Austin community Covenant's proposal is a win-win for everyone, including RAMP

By resolutions adopted on August 21 at a duly constituted meeting of the Session, the governing body of Covenant Presbyterian Church, we hereby ratify the expressed terms and conditions of that certain proffered Agreement, and any mutually agreeable revisions thereto, and appoint Frederick L. Clement, Director of Administration of Covenant Presbyterian Church, as our authorized representative to appear and act on our behalf at the City Council hearing on August 23, or on any subsequent date at which any matter related to our proffered Agreement may come to be heard and acted upon by City Council, and to negotiate, execute

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and deliver a final iteration of the Agreement to the City, binding Covenant Presbyterian Church to the performance of said Agreement's terms and conditions

Your approval of the proposed Agreement is a matter of good public policy reflecting the greatest good for the greatest number We therefore urge your timely approval on August 23

On behalf of the members and friends of Covenant, thank you for your consideration and action

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of Covenant Presbyterian Church Charles A Betts Shannon Bieberdorf Susan Hochderffer Doug Kilday Brad Smith Heather Flanagan Dawn Hood George W Hopgood Scott Moore hideth Thorbur Judith Thorbur Eric Robertson Chris Sz anisz

AND FURTHER SUPPORTED by the undersigned officers, directors and members of Covenant

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Members and friends of Covenant Presbyterian Church

who have authorized the church in writing to endorse their printed names in support of an open letter to the Austin City Council dated August 22, 2007 by the trustees of the church in connection with City Council Consent Agenda Item #11 for hearing on August 23, 2007

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