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Late Backup

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Dear Mayor Leffingwell and City Council Members:

On behalf of Park Springs Neighborhood Association I am writing to present our association's position on items #148-PH and #149-PH of the July 29, 2010 agenda, limited purpose annexation of Indian Hills and Whisper Valley.

These developments are within our association's boundaries and we have communicated for more than two years with the developers, Austin City Council, Austin Platting and Zoning Commission and Austin City staff, as well as with Travis County and state officials and staff.

Slightly more than one year ago, when you were considering the Development Agreement for these tracts, we wrote to you saying in part [emphasis in original]:

"we support your voting for this agenda item with the understanding that the City of Austin will assure that ... the development approval process provides for adequate roadway improvements to handle the increased traffic"....

"our Association insists that adequate roadway infrastructure be in place when residents move in"....

"It would be irresponsible for the City to encourage and allow development [within its 'Desired Development Zone'] without adequate roadway structure"....

"If current regulations are inadequate, then City, County and State Authorities need to devise new ones **to assure that adequate roadway improvements are completed as development construction is completed**"....

"We hope and expect that you, as policy makers for the City of Austin, will assure that proper planning and infrastructure are included as you encourage and allow development in your "Desired Development Zone"....

Our position now is the same as it was then: **we want you to require there be adequate roadway infrastructure.** Our association encouraged, supported and has participated in a regional attempt to involve the cities of Austin and Manor, Travis County, TxDOT, CAMPO and many area developers to accomplish this goal of adequate area-wide arterial transportation. But with limited purpose annexation, it is you, the City of Austin, who will have zoning authority in these two cases, and we urgently ask you to exercise it to avoid a traffic disaster in Austin's 'Desired Development Zone'.

BOUNDARIES: North: HWY 290 East; South: F.M. 969; East: Travis County Line; West: F.M. 973
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The developer of Whisper Valley and Indian Hills has communicated with us, listened to and responded to our concerns for more than two years; we sincerely appreciate the developer's willingness to involve our neighborhood association in the development process.

Now it is up to you, the City of Austin, to exercise your authority and require that there be adequate traffic planning and infrastructure within Austin's "Desired Development Zone". **Please require adequate traffic access into and out of these developments,** just as you require adequate water and waste-water access into and out of them.

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