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October 12, 2009

Mayor Lee Leffingwell and  
Austin City Council Members  
301 West Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Members:

The City of Austin and Travis County Sustainable Food Policy Board has approved two resolutions that we would like you to consider, requesting your support for community gardens and responsible agriculture in our City and County. Copies of these resolutions are attached with this letter.

We are anxious to work with you and the City Manager on implementing solutions for addressing the removal of several barriers we have identified for the health and growth of community gardens and responsible agricultural enterprises, including streamlining the designation process, the creation of a single point of contact within the city for designating and permitting them, and the creation of a special designation and water rate.

Thank you for your continued consideration for improving our local, sustainable food system in order to benefit the citizens of Austin and Travis County.

Sincerely yours,

Marla Camp  
Chair

xc: Marc Ott, City Manager  
Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager