

Late Backup

Barton Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA)

Helicopter Landing Site along South MoPac (October 23, 2012)

WHEREAS, the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA) borders both Zilker Park and South MoPac; and

WHEREAS, the BHNA has given the City Council its support for increased density along transit corridors, such as South Lamar and Barton Springs Road, and thus already is bearing its fair share of the burdens of densification; and

WHEREAS, the BHNA has supported community and tourism-generating events in the Zilker Park area, such as SXSW, ACL Festival, Trail of Lights, and Cyclo-cross National Championships, in spite of the resulting traffic congestion, excessive noise, illegal parking, unruly behavior by visitors, and other disruptions on the Barton Hills neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a helicopter landing site next to the Barton Creek Greenbelt and the Barton Hills neighborhood is incompatible with adjacent park and residential land uses; and

WHEREAS, under the Land Development Code, a helicopter landing site requires a conditional use permit; and

WHEREAS, 60 to 70 daily helicopter landings and take-offs per day adjacent to the Barton Creek Greenbelt and the Barton Hills neighborhood during the F-1 weekend would create unreasonable and excessive noise pollution in both the Greenbelt and the neighborhood;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BHNA opposes the use of commercial or public lands in or near Zilker Park as a helicopter landing site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BHNA asks the City Council to enforce current land use regulations and to oppose said helicopter landing site; and

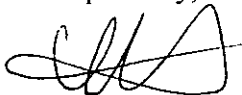
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BHNA asks the City Council make this concern known to other agencies that may have authority in the matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BHNA urges the City of Austin to require the U.S Grand Prix organizers to provide sufficient alternative transportation, such as bicycle, multiple-occupant car transport, or bus service; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the BHNA, through its president and its elected officers, makes the content of this resolution known to the City of Austin, the City Council, and to other relevant parties.

Passed by the BHNA membership at its October 23, 2012, membership meeting.

Respectfully,



Melissa Hawthorne, President, Barton Hills Neighborhood Association