



Item # 132

Late Backup

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kevin Johns, Director
Economic Development *Kevin Johns*

DATE: February 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Online Comments Regarding Websense and Dropbox Economic Development Proposals

In keeping with the City of Austin process for the review of economic development proposals, attached please find the comments received on the Economic Development Department's website from the public regarding the proposed agreements with Dropbox, Inc. and Websense, Inc. The public was able to submit comments through an online form from Thursday, February 6 through Sunday, February 16. All comments received during this time period are provided for your review in the attached spreadsheet.

As a reminder, all information about the proposed agreements is available on our website and we are looking forward to the public hearing on this proposal at the next City Council meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this review process or this agreement.

City of Austin Economic Development Proposals

Submission Details

Submissions Received February 6-February 16

Websense, Inc.

Dropbox, Inc.

Time	Please tell us what you think	Please tell us what you think.	Please share your email with us.
February 11, 2014 - 09:16	I am against offering an incentive. There is absolutely no need to offer an economic incentive with the Austin market as it is today. We are the most sought after city in the nation and companies are clamoring to come here. The only incentive I would agree upon would be that if they move to the east side to aid with expansion and development of this part of our city.	I am against offering an incentive. There is absolutely no need to offer an economic incentive with the Austin market as it is today. We are the most sought after city in the nation and companies are clamoring to come here. The only incentive I would agree upon would be that if they move to the east side to aid with expansion and development of this part of our city.	
February 14, 2014 - 18:31	Way to go! Spend more of our tax dollars to bring more people and traffic to Austin. You know we don't need more companies here, which makes me wonder, what percentage of the incentives go into your pocket?	Seriously? Other cities are vying for these companies and you think we need to compete for more? Austin is FULL and citizens are sick and tired of you spending our money to bring more traffic and people here. Enough is enough!	
February 14, 2014 - 22:13	I oppose any incentives. Austin is already over crowded, polluted, and expensive. Adding more people from outside won't help.	I oppose any incentives. Austin is already over crowded, polluted, and expensive. Adding more people from outside won't help.	
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February 16, 2014 - 13:25	What is the benefit of these companies coming into Austin. Hiring local folks + Traffic impact - Pollution impact - Crime impact - Not enough police or fire employees - Increase in taxes - Wasting our tax dollars ----- From what I can see, there is NO positive impact.	What is the benefit of these companies coming into Austin. Hiring local folks + Traffic impact - Pollution impact - Crime impact - Not enough police or fire employees - Increase in taxes - Wasting our tax dollars ----- From what I can see, there is NO positive impact.	
February 16, 2014 - 15:04	Vote yes	Vote yes	