CITY OF AUSTIN

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

FM 812 LANDFILL CORRECTION RESOLUTION

11/10/04 VOTE: 5-0-1

Motion made by:

Lark Anthony

Commissioners Consenting: Tracy Sosa, Gerard Acuna, Charles Cree, Rosemary Wyman

Commissioners Dissenting:

Commissioners Abstaining:

J.D. Porter

Commissioners Absent:

Mark Sanders, Alex Zwarun

Whereas, it is the opinion of Austin City Council's appointed Solid Waste Advisory Commission (SWAC) that the issues involving the City of Austin's FM 812 Landfill (Landfill) are significant and will greatly impact the citizens of Austin for at least the next 30 years. With this, SWAC cannot at this time unequivocally support Solid Waste Services recommendation to have a third party management of the Landfill. This decision is based on limited information from SWS and an erosion of confidence that all options have been, or will be, explored.

Therefore, it is the Solid Waste Advisory Commission's recommendation that the City Council not take action regarding a contractual commitment for the operation and management of the City's FM 812 Instead, SWAC strongly recommends that a thorough and comprehensive study be commissioned to analyze all options concerning the City's FM 812 Landfill. The study should be conducted by an independent firm whose objectives would be, but not limited to, the environmental and financial impact of having SWS continue its management of the Landfill, having a third party manage the Landfill, or complete closure and reuse the Landfill's 342 acres. In addition, City Council should commission a task force whose objective would be to develop a twenty-year solid waste management plan.