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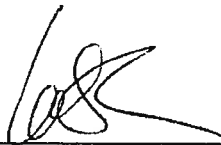
Dear Mr. Davila,

In an effort to reduce and eventually eliminate the rampant drug and prostitution crimes that occur in the 13th and Chicon area in Central East Austin, the Kealing Neighborhood Association encourages the Austin Police Department to extend the boundary of the "No Sit-No Lie" ordinance to include at minimum the area bounded by 7th Street to the south, MLK to the North, Chestnut to the East, and I-35 to the West. This ordinance expansion would not include expansion of the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) jurisdiction as we understand there are insufficient resources to do so at this time, and we believe that consistent enforcement of the Sit/lie ordinance alone can achieve significant improvements in the safety of our neighborhoods.

Other parts of the City, including Downtown Austin, the Holly area, and West Campus are covered by the Sit/Lie ordinance, which provides police another tool to manage public order crime problems. Those areas have shown some improvement, in part due to the implementation of the Sit/Lie ordinance. We believe the enforcement of this ordinance in the heart of the Central East Austin neighborhoods will help reduce loitering and associated crime that occurs in an area known for open air drug trafficking. It will assist in the reclamation of the sidewalk corridors of the adjacent street ways and enable residents to move with greater freedom and safety along these public walkways, which are largely avoided due to crowding by idle and sometimes threatening people. While enforcement of the Sit/lie ordinance alone will not address every challenge in this area, it will provide equity in the tools available to our community to improve public safety as we continue to advocate for a comprehensive approach to dealing with crime and the underlying causes in an effective manner.

We support the Austin Police Department in its efforts to improve public safety in the 13th & Chicon area and appreciate the positive measures that have been enacted recently to promote its eventual transformation into a place of commerce and leisure for our neighbors.

Sincerely,



Lee Sherman, President
On behalf of the membership of Kealing Neighborhood Association

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On behalf of Suede Hill N. Ass. Neighborhood Association

Printed Name: DAVID THOMAS
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On behalf of Guadalupe (GAIN) Neighborhood Association

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ON behalf of ORGANIZATION of CENTRAL EAST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS

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