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November 5, 2011

Dear Mr. Davila,

*boundaries being requested*

In an effort to reduce and eventually eliminate the rampant drug and prostitution crimes that occur in the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> & 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,



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

Printed Name: Bruce Sheehan -VP.  
Signed: Bruce Sheehan  
On behalf of Suede Hill N. Ass. Neighborhood Association

Printed Name: DAVID THOMAS  
Signed: [Signature]  
On behalf of BACKSHEAR-BIRCHHILL Neighborhood Association

Printed Name: MICHAEL GUARDADO  
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On behalf of Guadalupe (Gair) Neighborhood Association

Printed Name: STANTON STRICKLAND  
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On behalf of ROBERTSON HILL Neighborhood Association  
ON BEHALF OF ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL EAST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS

Printed Name: ERIC JANSSON  
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On behalf of Davis-Thompson NA Neighborhood Association

*Agenda Item 3d*

Public Safety Commission,

On behalf of the Kealing Neighborhood and many other stakeholders in Central East Austin, I am requesting the following tools be in place to help improve public safety in our neighborhood:

1. Expansion of Sit / Lie Ordinance as described in the attached letter signed by Central East Neighborhoods.
2. Expansion of any other quality of life ordinances not currently in place. In particular, the open container ordinance as requested by Officer William Torres.
3. Expansion of the Enhanced Prosecution Program to all of Central East Austin. This program was piloted on East 5<sup>th</sup> Street and was expanded to Downtown based on its effectiveness.
4. Enforcement of existing Stay Away Order Zone (14<sup>th</sup> to the North, New York Avenue to the South, Leona to the West, Coletto to the East)
5. Enforcement of Drug Free Zones associated with Kealing Middle School and Garza High School
6. Revive the 24-Hour Walking Beat in the open air drug market area.

We would greatly appreciate the help of the Public Safety Commission in acquiring these tools. Thanks very much,

Lee Sherman  
President  
Kealing Neighborhood Association

