

October 13, 2021

City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my support for Councilmember Fuentes' flood policies detailed in Item 48 for the October 14th City Council meeting. I am a board member on the Parks and Recreation Board but am writing on my own behalf.

As a very close neighbor to William Cannon and Pleasant Valley, I have seen the transition of this area from single family homes to now parkland due to the devastating floods of 2013 and 2015. Southeast Austin remains a high risk for flooding and the city must do its best to mitigate those risks for Austin residents and businesses. Councilmember Fuentes' proposed resolution will address the needs of this flood-prone community.

Additionally, I believe it important to honor the experiences of those affected by the floods. Most current Onion Creek visitors do not know the tragic details that created the parkland they now visit. Establishing a memorial will convey the history of Onion Creek Metropolitan Park to those visiting the park, and honor those whose lives were lost or affected by it.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

Anna Di Carlo

Parks and Recreation Board Member