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Honorable Mayor Steve Adler
Austin City Council Members
301 W 2nd St.
Austin, Texas 78701

January 20, 2022

RE: Support for Old West Austin Neighborhood Assoc. (OWANA) Renaming Request

Dear Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Alter and Council Members,

The West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG) has voted to support the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association's request that the City of Austin rename 65 acres of parkland known as Lamar Beach, in honor of Volma Overton Sr.

There is no area of Austin that was not positively affected by Volma Overton Sr., as a civil rights activist, president of the NAACP Austin Chapter, and community leader. He and his family fought courageously to end racial segregation in Austin schools, parks and churches. In the WANG area, Volma Overton Sr. and his family were instrumental in supporting preservation of the civil rights history of Lions Municipal Golf Course.

We support OWANA's request to rename Lamar Beach for Volma Overton Sr. in honor of his legacy and service to the City of Austin and its residents.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Holly Reed, President
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