

Abdallah, Jennifer

From: Lori C-Renteria [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 1:43 PM
To: Abdallah, Jennifer
Subject: FW: [RHNA] Heed and Hold.

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Dear Jennifer:

This email is in response to our 7-20-11 DACC agenda Item 1 concerning expanding jurisdiction of the DACC to include AT LEAST the intersection of E. 12th and Chicon. I am going to forward all the emails I have received in hopes that you can include them in our packets for committee members. Thanks, Lori C-Renteria, DACC member representing the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood which is part of DACC's eastern jurisdiction. [REDACTED]

From: Stanton Strickland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 1:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Tracy Twitte
Subject: Fw: [RHNA] Heed and Hold.

Hi Lori - I thought you might be interested in reading a perfect example of the type of e-mail that I receive from the folks in my neighborhood, Robertson Hill regarding recidivist criminals in our area. The individual "R[REDACTED]" referenced in Mr. Staat's e-mail loiters at E. 12th and Chicon and makes his rounds through the surrounding neighborhoods taking what he pleases. He's been doing it for years as he revolves in and out of jail. It is a perfect example of why a broader, more inclusive expansion of DACC's boundaries are needed.

I unfortunately will not be able to attend the DACCAC meeting tomorrow morning, but have e-mailed you and the DACCAC members a letter expressing the position of Central East Austin residents to consider. I noticed that you had received others also. Thanks again for all your efforts and community service!!
Stan

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: peter staats [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 1:01 PM
Subject: [RHNA] Heed and Hold.

Wish they would repurpose "weed and seed,"
Call it "heed and hold," and be done with R[REDACTED]

To just print out his rap sheet takes extra ink.

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I have personally made 8 calls on him, set three appointments to talk about him, and locked horns with him too often to be true.

Taken his picture twice, once in the act.

Fought with him. E-mailed his whereabouts to hundreds of folks, terns of times.

After a couple of winters of providing him jackets, backpacks and food, have implemented a consistent policy of zero tolerance with him for 4 years.

Hand delivered his rap sheet to our east sub station, twice. Where the police seem more curious as to my knowledge of him than they are curious as to their feeble community response. Weird.

He has some 25 prior arrests.--convictions out the kazoo.

R[REDACTED] is the biggest threat in our area,

Believe him to be so vicious, psychotic and wily, that even the police are intimidated.; R[REDACTED] reminds me of werewolf.

peter staats

On 7/19/11 12:18 PM, "valerie thatcher" [REDACTED] wrote:

Attack of the Killer Chihuahuas, love it, Z! Couldn't think of a better target! Since I don't have the pleasure of being owned by such stalwart canine defenders, I will call 911 without hesitation if I merely SEE R[REDACTED] walking by. And rip him a new one myself.

In the meantime, all neighbors be sure to keep all of your valuables, vehicles, toys, tools, etc. secure. Putting locks on my gates a few years ago has kept R[REDACTED] from stealing veggies and tools from my back yard. If he tries to sell you something, asks to use your garden hose, asks for 'work' or money, say no (or hell no!) then call 911 immediately and report that a known criminal is in our neighborhood, R[REDACTED]. If you're out early in the morning, bring your cell phone and pepper spray (\$6 at Academy).

valerie

-----Original Message-----

From: Zaragosa Robledo

Sent: Jul 19, 2011 12:05 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: [RHNA] Re: R[REDACTED]

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***NEW!** We invite all neighbors to visit and join the RHNA NING site at: [REDACTED]

You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "Robertson Hill Neighborhood Association" group.

To post to this group, send email to [REDACTED]

To unsubscribe from this group, send email to [REDACTED]

For more options, visit this group at [REDACTED]

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From: Lori C-Renteria [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 1:59 PM
To: Abdallah, Jennifer
Subject: FW: DACC jurisdiction expansion / from Swede Hill NA

This email is in response to our 7-20-11 DACC agenda Item 1 concerning expanding jurisdiction of the DACC to include AT LEAST the intersection of E. 12th and Chicon from officers of the Swede Hill Neighborhood Association. Lori [REDACTED]

From: rob seidenberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 10:05 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Bill Minor; Louisa Brinsmade; Wendy Harte; Tracy Witte; Stan Strickland; Robert Hageman
Subject: DACC jurisdiction expansion / Swede Hill

Dear Ms. Renteria and Officer White:

It has just come to our attention that you will soon be meeting to discuss extending the jurisdiction of the Downtown Austin Community Court and the enforcement area of the No Sit/No Lie ordinance. We are writing to request that these areas be extended to include our neighborhood--East 12th Street to MLK, I-35 to Comal--and that you consider extending the jurisdiction to East 12th Street from I-35 eastward to Chicon.

Since we only learned of this possible effort yesterday, we have not yet had a chance to sit as a neighborhood group and discuss this issue. But with certainty I wanted to let you know that the idea of extending this ordinance to our neighborhood and the 12th Street corridor has been on our "want list" for several years.

Therefore, while we take a bit of time to coalesce around this issue (particularly given that it is summer and several board members are out of town), we would like to request that we be included in the expanded jurisdiction of DACC.

Additionally, we would like to remind you that such proposed actions have an enormous impact on all of the neighborhoods of Central East Austin. Thus, we are confident that several other of these neighborhoods would also like their areas to be included in any expanded jurisdiction. And we respectfully request that you include all of the OCEAN neighborhoods in your plans and any continuing dialogue surrounding this issue. (I have copied Stan Strickland, President of OCEAN.)

Best regards,

Board of Directors, Swede Hill Neighborhood Association

Louisa Brinsmade
Robert Hageman
Wendy Harte
Bill Minor
Rob Seidenberg

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William Moner
1707 E. 16th St. #B
Austin, TX 78702

[REDACTED]
(512) 820-9741

Dear Members of the Downtown Austin Community Court,

My name is William Moner and I am a resident of East Austin. I am writing to ask for your support in extending the "no loitering" laws to the area directly surrounding 12th St. and Chicon Ave. in East Austin.

My wife and I have lived here for a little over a year and have renewed our lease because we enjoy living in this neighborhood. We enjoy taking my young son for walks around the neighborhood surrounding Garza High School and areas closer to Manor Road. Unfortunately, we confine our activities in the neighborhood to the areas north of 14th Street due to the unsafe conditions presented by the constant loitering and obvious illegal activities occurring at all hours in the 12th and Chicon area of East Austin.

To be blunt, I fear for the safety of my family in the 12th and Chicon area of the neighborhood. On several occasions, I have had to stop my vehicle to avoid hitting people wandering aimlessly into the roadway. I have had people stop me to ask where they could buy drugs in the area. I have witnessed drug deals occurring on the side streets and in alleys. To me, this is unacceptable.

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Sincerely,



William J. Moner

July 18, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

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In the past year we have been alarmed at an increase in theft, drug solicitation and other security problems. These seem to be connected with an increase in pedestrian traffic and "loitering" on Salina Street, and especially in the alley just south of our 1207 Salina house that runs perpendicular to Salina. There have always been people congregating on Salina, but in the past year something escalated and we began to have serious problems affecting our tenants. We began to see stolen bicycles, ladders, window unit air conditioners and more. Regarding alley traffic adjacent to 1207 Salina, in May one of our tenants reported "We were woken up at around 8:00 this morning to a fight when someone was slammed into the side of the house. Shook the whole thing!"

The upshot is that for the first time, in 2011 we have had tenants move out of our units because of security concerns. This has happened twice with two different tenants, once at 1207 and once at 1209 Salina. Both incidents resulted in lost time and income for us, not to mention lost peace of mind for us and our tenants. We have never had a problem with tenant turnover—until this year.

We have done our best to work with the Austin Police Department to address the problem. I met personally with officer Antoine Tarver, our previous neighborhood contact, and we signed trespass forms that would allow APD to come onto our property and question or arrest trespassers at any time. So far, while APD has made a good faith effort, continuous public traffic and "loitering" on the street and in the alley has made it almost impossible to effectively address the problem with a law enforcement approach that involves responding to individual incidents.

We would strongly support a loitering ordinance that gives police the authority to keep the streets clear of vagrants and others who do not live in housing on our street. I would be happy to answer any questions relating to this matter.

Tom Harvey
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Austin, TX 78745
Office phone: (512) 389-4453
Mobile phone: (512) 299-4221

Back-up information provided 7-19-11 by Lori Renteria, DACC Advisory Committee

Abdallah, Jennifer

From: Lori C-Renteria [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 1:46 PM
To: Abdallah, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Downtown Austin Community Court - Boundary Expansion

This email is in response to our 7-20-11 DACC agenda item 1 concerning expanding jurisdiction of the DACC to include AT LEAST the intersection of E. 12th and Chicon from the new chair of the Central East/OCEAN Neighborhood Planning Team. Lori [REDACTED]

From: Stanton Strickland [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 1:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
Cc: RHNA; Tracy Twitte; Rob Seidenberg; Lee Sherman; Mark Rogers; Rudy Williams; [REDACTED]; David Thomas; [REDACTED]
Subject: Downtown Austin Community Court - Boundary Expansion

Dear Chair Locklin, Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee Members, and Officer White,

Last week I learned that your Advisory Committee will be meeting Wednesday, July 20, 2011, to, in part, discuss and possibly recommend the expansion of the jurisdictional boundaries of the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) in a configuration that will include the E. 12th and Chicon Street area. I and the Central East Austin communities and neighborhoods welcome and thank you for that effort. I also strongly urge that in the event you decide to do so, you include, at a minimum, the entirety of the neighborhoods that comprise the Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods (OCEAN) - those that feel the brunt of the crime and vagrancy associated with the E. 12th and Chicon Streets intersection.

As most Austinites know, the area in the immediate vicinity of the intersection of East 12th and Chicon Streets has for decades plagued Central East Austin as a very active haven for drug deals, prostitution, and criminal vagrancy. The status quo and continued tolerance of the criminal activity at that intersection is not acceptable! Many of the Central East Austin residents will attest to the criminal activity that spills from that intersection into their adjacent and nearby streets, schools and backyards. Any increased focus to eliminate the ongoing crime, without taking a holistic approach to expand the DACC's jurisdictional boundaries to include, at a minimum, the OCEAN area neighborhoods, will cause the criminal activity to persist and migrate deeper into the neighborhoods.

Again, we in Central East Austin welcome the DACC's approach to supplement the traditional Municipal Court system's efforts in addressing the Class C

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Misdemeanor offenders. More times than not, the revolving door of the current criminal justice system returns individuals to our streets after a short period of incarceration without addressing their underlying problems. Without meaningful, effective, and appropriate assistance, rehabilitation, and punishment, this process inevitably results in the same individuals appearing in our neighborhoods, loitering, panhandling, and committing the same crimes over and over.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts in addressing this problem. I look forward to working with you on this very important issue. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stanton Strickland
President, Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods
President, Robertson Hill Neighborhood Association
512-419-8110

Lori C-Renteria

From: Jamie Adair [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 10:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Extension of No Loitering zone to include 12th and Chicon

Dear Lori,

I have lived in 78702 for almost 8 years and am currently living off 14th and Salina. I have seen the drug deals and prostitution happening on the corners near my home and am writing to show my strong support of this initiative to extend the no loitering zone to include the 12th and Chicon corner. I am expecting a baby later this year and live across the street from a daycare center. I want to make sure that my neighborhood is safe for my family and for the children and families that live in this neighborhood. Development on the eastside has come a long way in the last 8 years, and it is a shame to see the blatant drug dealing and prostitution in a neighborhood with wonderful families who don't feel safe having their kids ride their bikes down the street. If this law is not passed, at the VERY LEAST, it is imperative that we have more police presence in this area.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 20th of July because of my job. But I am writing this email to show my support of this initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Jamie Adair

Lori C-Renteria

From: Sarah White [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 5:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Expanding jurisdiction in East Austin - 12th and Chicon

Lori and Taber,

My name is Sarah White and I live with 3 other ladies at 1505 E 14th street. We all fully support expanding the jurisdiction in East Austin concerning the loitering laws. We will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow at 7:30, but let us know if there is anything else we can do.

Sarah White
Jessica Koenig
Jessica Swanson
Pamela Lopez

Lori C-Renteria

From: Travor Terrell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 10:19 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Extension of No Loitering zone to include 12th and Chicon

Dear Taber,

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Thank you for your time and consideration,
Travor Terrell

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Travor Terrell
817-789-5950

To the City Council of Austin,

I have lived in Austin for 12 years and 8 of those years have been in my home on east 13th street. My wife and I love our neighbors and we take great pride in being part of our neighborhood. Recently, several members of the Austin police department have taken the initiative to reach out to local residents to gauge if there is public support when it comes focusing more energy and attention on our neighborhood. We support APD in doing this and wanted to share just a few of things that my wife, our neighbors, and myself deal with on such a constant basis that we've become almost acclimated to it.

There have been multiple attempts to break into our home. We've had our tool shed broken into and several thousand dollars worth of property taken. We've had chained up bicycles that have been stolen and my car was broken into for less than 2 dollars worth of change. We've had garden gnomes, garden hoses, a Buddha statue, plants, and even a sprinkler head that was actively running stolen. Pretty much anything that can be easily carried off and sold for quick cash is fair game. My wife has even walked out onto the porch thinking that she was greeting me as I came home from work, only to find a complete stranger carrying off our patio furniture. This instance ended in physical altercation.

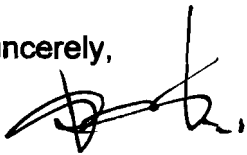
We witness drug deals and prostitution (both straight and gay) happening on an almost daily basis. Most of this actually happens behind our neighborhood church. We often witness people urinating and defecating in the churchyard.

I've personally intervened to stop a man being beaten severely in the head by two attackers. Every other month, we experience someone either passed out in the yard or hiding in the bushes to avoid someone that is chasing them. My neighbor even experienced such an instance where the individual ran through her house and then broke through the backyard fence. Because of situations like this we now keep a shotgun by the front door.

In all, it's extremely ridiculous what happens in front of our house. Sometimes it's scary. Having a patrol car just sit on the street is a blessing. It guarantees that we won't be woken up at night by people who don't live in the neighborhood (and sometimes not even Austin itself) fighting over a rock of crack or that we have to usher dinner guests back inside because of gun shots being fired a block away.

Thank you and please support APD in keeping our neighborhood safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tobias Ford', written over a horizontal line.

Tobias Ford, an E 13th street resident and neighbor.

[REDACTED]

July 18, 2011

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Dear Members of the Downtown Community Court,

I strongly urge the inclusion of 12th and Chicon intersection in the DACC jurisdiction. The intersection of 12th and Chicon is a blight on the East Austin Community and many different strategies are necessary to clean this area up. This intersection has continued to be a magnet for drug trafficking and criminal activity which endangers residents, including many children. I have called APD several times concerning drug use in the alley behind my home which is due to 12th and Chicon. I fear for the safety for my young daughters in their own backyard. Furthermore, I urge the members of the DACC to consider expanding their jurisdiction from 16th to 7th street which would close the "L" of the jurisdiction map. We, the residents, have worked hard to improve the Central East Austin Corridor. We have invested time, money, relationships, and, ultimately, our families' well-being into East Austin but we need your help to be successful. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kristine Garaña
1403 E. 13th

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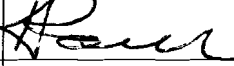





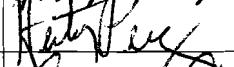

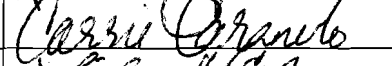

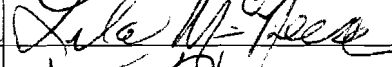
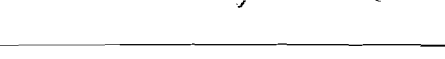
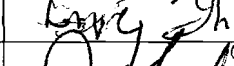

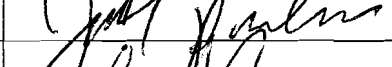



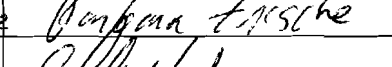

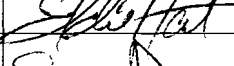



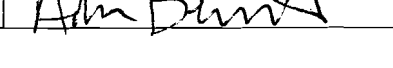
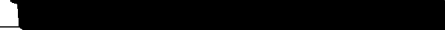
Sincerely,



William J. Moner

Community Petition to Reduce Violent Crime and Property Crime

Petition summary and background	Crime statistics and calls for service have been researched and analyzed in this area. This information has shown that there is a desire for immediate action regarding the crime problems in this community.
Action petitioned for	As residents of this community, we request some of the chronic crime issues resolved and petition for a cleaner, safer community. We as residents desire less violent crime and less property crime in our neighborhood. We as residents of this community also petition that the obvious drug problem be managed more seriously and stricter sentencing be awarded to offenders.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Tobias Ford		1709 E 13th		5-15-11
Katie Porell		1709 E 13th		5/15/11
Erison Collins		1713 E. 13th St.		5-15-11
MAGNOLIA JOHANSON		1705 East 13th St.		5-15-11
Hector Perez		1706 E. 13th St.		5-15-11
Carrie Granado		1706 E. 13th St.		5/20/11
Liba McNece		1708 E 13th St		5/20/11
Ly Simon		1803 E 13		5/20/11
Joel Perkes		1805 E. 13th		5/20/11
Logan Perkes		1805 E 13th		5/20/11
Barbara Frische		1701 E 13th St		5/20/11
Edward Hart		2004 E 13th St		5/21
Shanna Davis		2001 E 13th St		5/21/11
Adam Bennett		2004 E 13th St		5-21-11

Community Petition to Reduce Violent Crime and Property Crime

Petition summary and background	Crime statistics and calls for service have been researched and analyzed in this area. This information has shown that there is a desire for immediate action regarding the crime problems in this community.
Action petitioned for	As residents of this community, we request some of the chronic crime issues resolved and petition for a cleaner, safer community. We as residents desire less violent crime and less property crime in our neighborhood. We as residents of this community also petition that the obvious drug problem be managed more seriously and stricter sentencing be awarded to offenders.

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