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Honorable Gonzalo Barrientos  
Chair City of Austin Charter Revision  
2906 Gem Circle  
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Dear Senator Barrientos,

Thank you for letting me appear before the Commission last week. With your indulgence, I wanted to briefly amplify my remarks on the subject of single member districts for the election of the Austin City Council. For all of the reasons voiced by the witnesses before the Commission, I heartily endorse the concept of single member district representation. I also heartily endorse the 10-1 plan that is under discussion. Such a plan is, in my opinion, significantly preferable as it is the best means of assuring that the minority communities will be adequately and fairly represented on the City Council. Such a plan should also be viewed most favorably by the Department of Justice in a Section 5 submission.

Thank you for your service to the community.

Sincerely,  
**RICHARDS, RODRIGUEZ & SKEITH, LLP**

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