

Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee
Austin, Texas
January 20, 2012

City Council Members
City Hall 301 W 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701

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Dear City Council Members,

In its meeting on July 20, 2011 the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee was presented with a presentation by APD Officer Taber White titled "Crime Analysis of Neighborhoods Surrounding 12th St./Chicon".¹ Upon completion of the presentation, several residents of the area spoke to us about crime they witness on a regular basis and asked that we explore expanding the boundaries of the Downtown Austin Community Court Eastward to include the area of 12th and Chicon Streets. The Committee was also presented with several emails from residents of the area.²

The Committee subsequently passed a motion requesting City Council to direct City staff to study the resources that would be necessary in order to expand the DACC jurisdiction to include 12th and Chicon.³

As the Chair of the Committee, it is my belief that the Court does not currently have the adequate resources to expand the jurisdiction of the DACC nor am I completely convinced that most of the crime in this area could be resolved by DACC expansion as most of the crime is truly criminal in nature.

That said, however, it was very clear from the testimony given that the area needs a great deal of help in fighting crime and does have a high homeless and loitering population breaking quality of life ordinances and therefore expansion of the DACC maybe a good start. In order to do so, however, the appropriate resources would need to be applied to the DACC budget to make this an effective reality.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,



T. Marshall Jones, Chair
Community Court Advisory Committee

cc: Michael McDonald, Assistant City Manager
Pete Valdez, DACC Administrator

¹ Presentation attached

² Emails attached

³ Meeting minutes attached