

I want to thank you and the ICRC again for the enormous task you have undertaken. It has become rather obvious that without a firm commitment to upholding the standards of the voting rights act, the City of Austin would again face the possibility of implementing a charter that does not serve the interests of all of its citizens.

The Austin NAACP has stated since the very beginning that any attempt by commissioners or other interest groups to alter the African American opportunity district, would be met with the best legal minds in our arsenal.

We are concerned by some of the statements that have emerged from some of the commissioners who have demonstrated a willingness to flirt with political chaos and cronyism.

For the sake of Austin's future, we hope the virtues exhibited by the majority of the commission will prevail over the vices displayed at times by a few on the commission. We pray that fairness and prudence prevail.

I again urge you to let the voting rights act be your guide and avoid the mistakes many of those who preceded you have made.

Sincerely,

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President Austin NAACP