

Dear Commissioners:

This Is Gary Hyatt representing Bouldin Creek NA for this discussion. We fully support the recommendations put forward by the Zilker, Barton Hills and the Oak Hill NA. We would probably be saving the City money and grief if we continue the communications and liaisons that Zilker and Bouldin have worked on for the last 10-12 years. Both have worked with city staff, PARD, APD and the various venues groups (C3, etc.) to have smooth running events-planning and coordination plus safety and traffic have always been the issues.

We're all trying to avoid the mess from a few years ago with Reggae Fest and the Long Center's Gala colliding and locking down the central city and part of I35! Much embarrassment and blame was shared!;)

So, if you can, please consider shifting a few precincts at north and south ends of district 8. Although they're currently in District 8, Zilker Park and part of the Barton Creek Greenbelt are very much part of a "community of interest" with the adjoining Barton Hills and Zilker neighborhoods in District 5. Please move them out of District 8 and into District 5 by moving precincts 307, 356, and part of 364 into District 5 and, to offset the population reduction to District, by moving Precinct 309 (or another suitable precinct in District 5) from District 5 to District 8.

"After all, shouldn't the park named for Zilker be in the same district as the neighborhood named for Zilker? Shouldn't all of the creek named for Barton be in the same district as the hills named for Barton?"-from a neighbor

Thank you for considering this request.

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