

Dear Commissioners,

I know that you are in the home stretch of a long and complex process that has consumed more of your life than you probably ever imagined. While the end result cannot be perfect for every resident, I believe you have tried your best to take into consideration the interests of our citizens to insure all of the unique communities and cultures in our great city are represented.

I have a final request that I hope is not made too late. I live in Barton Hills and our neighborhood is impacted literally every day by the activities in Zilker Park. It is especially affected by events like SXSW, the ACL Music Festival (now on two weekends), the Trail of Lights, and countless other special events and activities that take place in the centerpiece of the city's park system. Similarly, the Barton Creek Greenbelt literally winds along an entire border of Barton Hills, and is an integral part of our community. Classes from our elementary school make regular learning trips into the greenbelt, we banded together to help prevent fires there during the long drought, and our Greenbelt Guardians have contributed over a decade of service to maintain this precious resource.

It makes little sense, then, for these areas to be included in a district assigned to Oak Hill. Please take the time to rectify this by moving the park and greenbelt from District 8 to District 5. I've been advised by those who have studied the district boundaries closely that this can be accomplished by moving precincts 307, 356, and part of 364 into District 5. To offset the population reduction to District 8, you can move Precinct 309, or another suitable precinct in District 5, into District 8.

This is a vital step to insure that our community receives the representation it deserves with respect to Zilker Park and the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Please don't let it be overlooked in a rush to finalize this process.

Many thanks for your generous service to our city,

Respectfully,

Glenn

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