

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for all the work you've done to craft the new City Council districts. I am a resident of the Barton Hills neighborhood (2203 Matterhorn Ln, 78704). Although Zilker Park and part of the Barton Creek Greenbelt are currently in District 8, they are much more a part of a “community of interest” with the adjoining Barton Hills and Zilker neighborhoods in District 5. What happens in the park and greenbelt affects many, many more people in District 5 than in District 8, so the District 5 Council member should have more say so over how the Trail of Lights and concerts like ACL Fest are conducted in the park, the level of fire and crime prevention in the Greenbelt, and the many other things that occur in those places, than the District 8 Council member. Please move the park and greenbelt from District 8 to District 5 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.

Thank you for considering this request.

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