

Dear commissioner-

I am a resident of Barton Hills and have been made aware of the exclusion of Zilker Park and a large swath of the urban-core Barton Creek Greenbelt from our proposed district (5). These public areas have a significantly greater and direct impact to the quality of life in the Zilker and Barton Hills neighborhoods than the upstream areas of district 8 – in particular, events in the park (ACL, Trail of Lights), urban-core traffic/transit, construction density, environmental concerns for Barton Springs, greenbelt crime/vagrancy, and fire-suppression, to name a few. To separate these zones from our voting district dilutes our voice on the council, similarly I believe, as if you were to separate UT and west campus.

I greatly appreciate the challenges to achieving the population-balance in this activity, and thus have the same appreciation for the efforts of the commission, but I entreat you all to reconsider this point, to assure our most-vital interests are well-represented.

Thank you, and regards,

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