

Dear Commissioners:

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.

*Many citizens in the District 5 area have been actively involved in advocacy for and care of Zilker Park and the Barton Creek Greenbelt for many years. It only makes sense that we have a Council member in our District to appeal to and work with to assure that these public places are well protected and managed, and that we have a Council member with direct understanding of the impacts within our neighborhoods of large scale events in these spaces.*

*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 your hard work on behalf of the citizens of Austin.*

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