

ONION CREEK

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The Honorable Mayor Lee Leffingwell
and Council Members
City of Austin

RE: Onion Creek Flood, October 31, 2013

Dear Mayor and Council Members

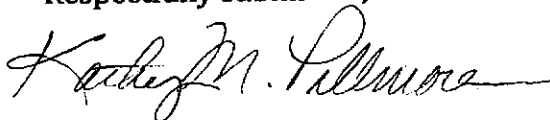
The Onion Creek Homeowners Association and residents of the Onion Creek subdivision located on South IH-35 at the Onion Creek Parkway exit....not to be confused with those neighborhoods located adjacent to Onion Creek further downstream...was heavily impacted during the October 31, 2013 flood event by waters from both Onion Creek and Slaughter Creek. Although many of our residents' homes lie within the 100-year floodplain, up until October 31 there had never been any homes flooded in our subdivision. In fact, the October flood not only breeched those homes in the 100-year floodplain, it substantially damaged homes in the 300 and 500-year floodplain. Yet our residents are not currently being offered the option to have their homes purchased in the city's effort to stem further flooding. Additionally, due to the October flood both the Onion and Slaughter Creek beds are now clogged with uprooted trees and other debris, which will create more flooding issues in the event of future heavy rain storms.

Keeping these issues in mind, the Onion Creek HOA respectfully requests that the City of Austin:

1. Provide the residents of the Onion Creek subdivision whose homes are situated within the 100-year floodplain, or who were substantially damaged in the Oct. 31, 2013 floods an opportunity to have their homes purchased with the money the city has set aside, or may set aside for such purposes, or with funds obtained from FEMA. If the city chooses to deny our residents this opportunity, the Onion Creek HOA requests that such denial be submitted in writing to the HOA Board of Directors with an explanation.
2. Provide for funding either from the City or FEMA to clean out the creek beds for both Onion and Slaughter Creeks to ameliorate the impact from future heavy rainfalls that could create additional flooding.

It is not the Onion Creek HOA's intention to have the creek beds cleaned in lieu of allowing our residents the option to have their homes purchased. These two requests are independent of each other and are not to be considered as either/or.

Respectfully submitted,



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