



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20140716- 006d**

**Date:** July 16, 2014

**Subject:** Amend the City of Austin federal legislative program to support a national ban on Coal tar based pavement sealants

**Motion By:** Mary Ann Neely

**Second by:** James Schissler

**RATIONALE:**

**Whereas,** the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department and the United States Geological Survey have documented that PAHs in coal tar pavement sealants are toxic to aquatic life and established probable human exposure routes for these suspected carcinogens, and

**Whereas,** the United States Geological Survey published findings in 2014 demonstrating that the City of Austin's local ban on coal tar based pavement sealants has successfully reduced the concentration of PAHs in the sediments of Lady Bird Lake, now

**Therefore,** the Environmental Board recommends that the Austin City Council add support for a nationwide ban on the use of coal tar pavement sealants to the City of Austin Federal Legislative Program for the 114th Congress.

VOTE 5-0-0-1

**For:** Deegan, Maxwell, Neely, Redmond, Schissler and Smith

**Against:**

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Perales

**Approved By:**

Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair