Resolution of the Pecan Street Owner's Association on Safety, Street Closure and Permitting during SXSW

Whereas, the Pecan Street Owner's Association dba 6ixthStreet Austin is the Manager of the East 6th Street Public Improvement District (PID) and, as such, is tasked with improving the safety and overall experience for businesses, patrons and visitors in the East 6th Street National Register Historic District, and

Whereas, the South by Southwest Festivals (SXSW) pose a challenge for both safety and crowd management in the East 6th Street National Register Historic District, and

Whereas, the City of Austin desires to address the challenges of safety and crowd management during SXSW, therefore

The Board of Directors of the Pecan Street Owner's Association, managers of the East 6th Street PID, urges the City of Austin to undertake the following policies and procedures to address safety and crowd management:

- 1. In order to increase public safety on East 6th Street and north/south streets within the East 6th Street PID, no temporary displays, stages, tents, fencing or any device or construction should be allowed on a public street during SXSW in the East 6th Street PID. The only devices that should be allowed are those to control traffic and crowd management.
- 2. The City through the Austin Police Department (APD) should create an emergency services lane through the north/south streets within the East 6th Street PID while the streets are barricaded during SXSW to allow for emergency access.
- 3. All temporary outdoor venues throughout the downtown area, Central Business District (CBD), including those in the East 6th Street PID, should be permitted on an equal and non-discriminatory basis during SXSW. In the alternative, no temporary outdoor venues should be permitted at all throughout the CBD during SXSW.

Agreed to this 14 day of August, 2014.

Shannon Sedwick

Chair

Pecan Street Owner's Association

Board of Directors