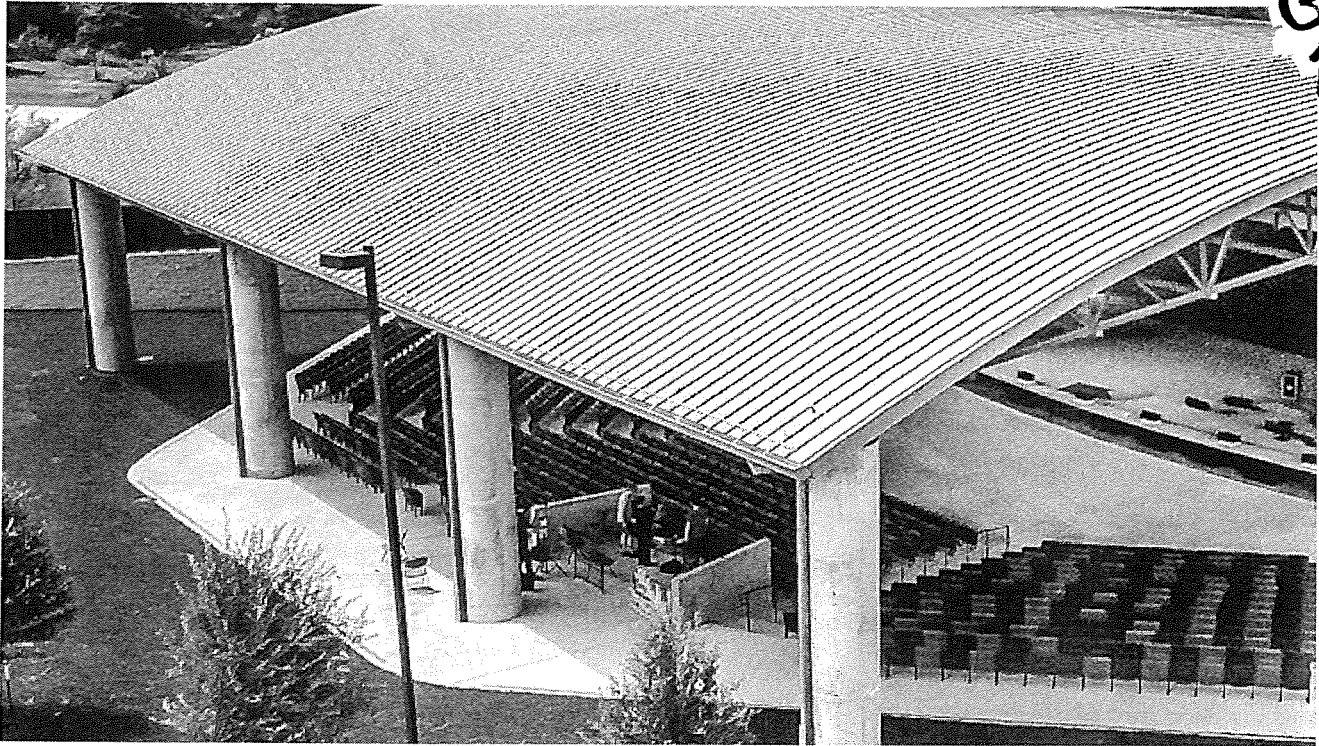


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★ indicate signers, have tried to mark out repeats. Signers as of 11/23/15.

Letter to

City of Austin Staff Liaison-Board of Adjustment Leane Heldenfels

Re: Case number C15-2015-0147

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I am a member of this church and I support the activities hosted at the Amphitheatre.

★ **Meredith Knight**, Austin, TX
42 minutes ago

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These services at this venue have impacted my life and family

★ **William Ball**, Del Valle, TX
4 hours ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I am joining with & asking my fellow Austinites to request the existing approval to use the life Austin amphitheater tension in effect. 1. It's crucial to the ongoing integrity of the city & development of Austin that properly applied for, processed & granted licenses & approvals be honored. 2. This amphitheater is a huge part of an expanding expression of not only life Austin church but the Church At large. In its few months since completion, it had been used for life Austin specific events, events bringing worship leaders from all across Austin & performers of noe from all over the globe to enrich & further engage our community as a whole. Thank you for affirming the rule of law & good common community sense.



Shannon Black, Spicewood, TX

11 hours ago

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I would like to see the wonderful ministry begun at the amphitheater continue to flourish.



Ben Warren, Austin, TX

12 hours ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I live in Covered Bridge. I am grateful that they built amphitheater for family and youth. Compare with Barton Springs where host many concerts that are not proper for youth and families. Please keep this amphitheater in my neighborhood.



Connie Sefcik-Kennedy, Austin, TX

15 hours ago

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While we are not members yet, we moved here from Tulsa in July and immediately began attending LifeAustin. Finding this church so quickly was a blessing for our family and was recommended to us from our minister in Tulsa. LifeAustin is such a positive, warm atmosphere in a world where sadness and evil are everywhere. We are so thankful we've found a church home where we can be fed while hearing the word ... through sermon and through the amazing music!



dana thames, Austin, TX

16 hours ago

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This venue is for the entire community to share uplifting Christian music, inspirational messages, fellowship with others to gain a deeper meaning with Christ as well as a better sense of community and laughter. It is a much needed venue in this part of Austin and the city should uphold the decisions that have been made as we continue to move forward.



Teresa Ketner, Austin, TX

19 hours ago

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Amazing the good work done there. Brings so many people to the great church surroundings.



Charles Claiborne, Austin, TX

23 hours ago

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The Ampitheatre is a wonderful venue for expanding the Arts scene in Austin.



Pauly Littrell, Austin, TX

23 hours ago

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The Amp assists in spreading the Gospel!



Michael Littrell, Buda, TX

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The LifeAustin Amphitheatre is an excellent outdoor venue and I have enjoyed attending praise and worship events there personally. All of the LifeAustin Amphitheatre events on which I have seen information are focused on the extension of the Church's ministry.

I am a little perplexed by the City of Austin's revisiting of the Amphitheatre permits. As during the original permitting process, this venue would have been evaluated for community concerns. To have been originally permitted, all City of Austin requirements were met and/or exceeded and approved by city officials. Therefore, since the requirements have not changed in the past few months, it seems this one venue providing additional worship opportunities to our community of faith in Austin may be unique in receiving additional inspection. I trust that the City will be committed to the diversity of the Austin community and maintain the integrity of its permitting process by ensuring the permits provided stand as issued.



Wendell Meeks, Austin, TX

2 days ago

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The LifeAustin Amphitheater is a vital addition to the Austin faith community. I am grateful our family has this beautiful new venue in which to worship.



Phyllis Rhea, Austin, TX

4 days ago

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community. Without the events, I would not have had the opportunity to express my faith through newer avenues. My belief system reaches farther than just a traditional Sunday service.

Eri Contreras, Austin, TX

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It is simply astounding that in a city like Austin, Texas, who calls itself "the live music capital of the world" and promotes the arts throughout our community, that they allow the minority to create such a stir over the LifeAustin Ampitheatre. This is a state of the art venue that packs the house each time the doors open with a community that has embraced and supported its opening since day one. It has complied, many times going over and beyond, what the city has required to buffer sound and lights as a gesture of good neighboring. It's time for the City of Austin to put this debate to bed and begin supporting this Ampitheatre and people of faith in our local communities that desire and support outdoor venues as this instead of listening to the handful of people who find anything they can to grumble and create unnecessary conflict just because they can.

JimmyandBeth Myers, Georgetown, TX

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Laurie Scott, Austin, TX

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Michael Carr, Austin, TX

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Bryan King, Del Valle, TX

32 minutes ago

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The amphitheatre reminds me to look up and understand that God is not confined to church walls. We were always intended to marvel at creation.



Joshua Contreras, Austin, TX

2 hours ago

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Im not a member of this particular church, but it look like a wonderful venue.



Cynthia Keith, Kyle, TX

3 hours ago

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I believe in the Kingdom of God!

 Melissa Rodriguez, Austin, TX

3 hours ago

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Great venue for entertainment, adds value to Austin.

 YVONNE ESPARZA, Austin, TX

3 hours ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I believe in this church even if I don't go there. This place can be used as a powerful ministry in the community!



Jackson Campbell, Jeffersonville, KY

4 hours ago

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I believe



Caleb Waller, Driftwood, TX

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This has been an amazing outreach for our family, for the community & for our kids! They love dancing to music, watching kids films, worshiping and being free to run around w others!

★ Angie Ray, Austin, TX
7 hours ago
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I support the Life Austin amphitheater to remain open to our community as a place to worship and praise.

★ Robert Bogart, El Paso, TX
8 hours ago
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I fully support the Life Austin amphitheater to remain open and available to worship and share our faith.

★ **Zicri Bogart**, Austin, TX
8 hours ago

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This beautiful venue is not only a unique forum for Christian fellowship but also is a Christian-inspired element used for outreach efforts.

★ Rich Villa, Austin, TX
23 minutes ago
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The LifeAustin Amphitheater has be an inspiration to our family and has touch so many others. This facility has already been invaluable to bringing the Austin community together. Thank you!!

★ Nikki Kelton, Austin, TX
46 minutes ago
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I cannot begin to imagine anyone trying to oppose a place of worship. Here in America where we are losing so much and Christians are being persecuted for believing in Christ I feel that I must stand up for our right in the church - in the "free" country of America where we can assemble and worship God. The whole point of the Amphitheater is to have a great place to host a variety of Christian programming where we can come together in order to worship God. If God were not real and so

utterly powerless what does it matter for a group of Christians to assemble in order to worship Him?
The amphitheater is the perfect venue. Secular bands, speakers or r rated movies are more worthy than
the creator of the universe????

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Diana Morris, Austin, TX

56 minutes ago

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Life Austin Amphitheatre is a wonderful way to minister to Christians in our church and in our community.



Barbara Gremillion, Driftwood, TX

1 hour ago

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All city requirements have been met and or exceeded and all qualifying tests were made or observed and approved by city officials. To pull these permits would set a precedent that would open the door to cancel or inhibit any and all live music venues in the city of Austin.

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★ **Tim Todd**, Austin, TX
1 hour ago
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I believe in the power of community and creating conversation through music.

★ **Matt Gagnon**, Austin, TX
2 hours ago
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I believe the Amphitheater is a great contribution to the life and culture of our beautiful city.

★ **Marlene Nichols**, Austin, TX
2 hours ago
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Austin needs more venues like LifeAustin Amphitheatre that support Christian values and arts.



Cheryl Barnes, Austin, TX

3 hours ago

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Janet Garcia, Buda, TX

3 hours ago

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This is a treasure for the city. God uses His creativity to show us His amazing love. I have seen the beauty of the Holy Spirit working here.

★ Ann Lancaster, Horseshoe Bay, TX
3 hours ago
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Julie Lyles Carr, Austin, TX

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The LifeAustin Ampitheatre is the PERFECT venue to share the gifts and talents which were given by our creator to share with the Austin community, surrounding counties and beyond to bless others, bring hope and extend transformation beyond the four walls!



Vicky Puckett, Austin, TX

18 hours ago

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I absolutely believe that the amphitheatre contributes to the worship and praise ministries of LifeAustin Church. I have gone to a number of events and have gained a stronger sense of

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community. Without the events, I would not have had the opportunity to express my faith through newer avenues. My belief system reaches farther than just a traditional Sunday service.



Eri Contreras, Austin, TX

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The LifeAustin Amphitheatre is an anointed and beautiful place for the community to come together and experience the arts in a manner glorifying to God and in keeping with the spirit and history of our great city. Lives have already been changed in this place, including mine. The city needs to honor and uphold their previous decisions. Austin will be blessed by the outreach that exists here!



Lily Kretzschmar, Austin, TX

15 hours ago

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The Covered Bridge Properly Owners Association has a clear bias towards the church. The matter regarding the amphitheater goes far beyond the legal issue with the City of Austin. Despite what the POA may say publicly, they absolutely have an issue with Life Austin.

Despite a few rude trouble makers, the community loves Life Austin and the arts. This is evidenced by the overwhelming growth since it opened its doors.

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★ **Jim Buck, Austin, TX**

18 hours ago

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★ One of the foundational guiding principles at LifeAustin is creativity. We think & act on the imaginative ideas of the Holy Spirit in all that we do - including the expressions of art, dance, drama & music. All talent is a gift from God. Using the talents God gives us is an act of worship. Our belief in creative worship is founded on the Word of God. Romans 12 tells us that everything we do is a living & holy sacrifice & an acceptable way to worship Him. The LifeAustin Amphitheatre creates a welcoming & non-threatening atmosphere for the Austin community to be able to be ministered to through expressive talents.

Linda Arnold, Austin, TX

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This Ampitheatre reaches across the proverbial walls people are apprehensive of approaching. It allows us to be the people our Savior asks to be by giving us the opportunity to love others and welcome them into an environment where they experience the church for what it is supposed to be...welcoming to all at whatever place they are in this life.



Lisa Schellenberg, Johnson City, TX

21 hours ago

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The Life Austin Amphitheater is a state of the art venue designed with great care to minimize noise while providing an enjoyable experience to those in attendance. I have been thoroughly blessed to attend concert there and worship God with the breeze blowing around me and the stars shining above me. It's a unique experience.



Stacey Clements, Leander, TX

22 hours ago

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Laurie Scott, Austin, TX

23 hours ago

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Michael Carr, Austin, TX

24 hours ago

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I ♥ ☐ My Church!

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The LifeAustin Amphitheater is a beautiful place. It goes beyond the traditional church experience, being outside is so refreshing & inviting! I believe this Amphitheater is a wonderful asset to the Austin community. All are welcome! I have been so blessed to attend a place of great love & worship. Let us be a city that will support those that are making a positive outreaching effort to enhance the lives of those in this great community of Austin! The LifeAustin Amphitheater is unique, a place where we can all attend quality events in the nature of our surroundings.



Cheryl Saad, Austin, TX

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I don't want to lose this great venue in our community.



Kelly Hopping, Austin, TX

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Cheryl Saad, Austin, TX

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This Amphitheater is a great way to welcome all people to our campus to share the love of God while enjoying the Arts.

David Bryant, Austin, TX

48 minutes ago

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 LifeAustin's Amphitheater is a resource to touch the lives of the city's diverse population through creative arts. If given the chance, LifeAustinAmp will (and has already) change the trajectory of people's lives.

Devin Skyy Williams, Austin, TX

1 hour ago


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 I am a member of this church. All activities at the Amphitheatre are clean and good for all ages. The events are family oriented and God is not rammed down your throat. God is here, but finding Him is between you and Him.

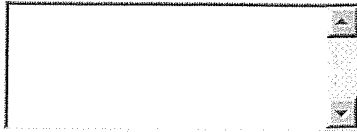
Ron Macha, Buda, TX

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I'm signing this petition because this ampitheatre is a tremendous blessing to me, our family and friends. It provides good clean Godly entertainment that is inviting to everyone--not just our church. We are an open book. Come and see.

Diane Ela, Austin, TX

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This facility is used for religious assembly!!! The amphitheater is and integral part of the praise and worship at Life Austin Church. This facility creates a community for believers all over central Texas!

Juliana Jacobs, Austin, TX

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This venue has been completely compliant with all city regulations. I love this venue! Providing music and arts to the "live music capital of the world " and changing lives!



Lauren Windham. Austin, TX

3 hours ago

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Julie Lyles Carr, Austin, TX

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The LifeAustin Amphitheater is an incredible resource that will bring social and spiritual change to the City of Austin. The BOA should uphold all permitting associated with this development.

Kevin Casteel, Austin, TX

46 minutes ago

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Eri Contreras, Austin, TX

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I fully support life Austin and the amphitheater for the support of wholesome family entertainment and worship. Our city needs more Christian values.

Sandra Buck, Austin, TX

10 minutes ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I love the LifeAustin Amphitheatre, and it's a great asset to our community!

Michelle Pullins, Austin, TX

10 minutes ago

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This amphiheater is an an incredible addition and resource to the community providing opportunity to worship our Lord and provide opportunity for church and community members to share their God given talents.



Belinda Reinis, Austin, TX

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I'm invested not just financially in this award-winning venue, but more importantly heart and soul for the extraordinary benefit this site is to the Austin community.



Nev Nicholson, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

 I strongly believe in the religious mission of the Amphitheater! I have not felt closer to our Creator than watching artistic expression while feeling the wind on my face, the chill in the air, and watching the setting sun change the lighting of the art.

Michael Carr, Austin, TX

27 minutes ago


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 Life Austin is my home church and has changed the lives of my family and so many around me. The Amphitheater has been a tremendous part of that effort and has permitted a level of worship previously unavailable. To discontinue this would be a significant disservice to the church community.

Rachel Duck, Gonzales, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

As a professional in the Construction and Development Industry, I believe that COA approvals and permitting should be upheld so as not to deter future growth and development in this area.



JoEllen Eggert, Cedar Park, TX

46 minutes ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I have already enjoyed worshipping God on September 4, 2015. This structure is a great blessing to the community!



Stephanie Rivers, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

In the interest of any organization developing property in the Austin area, it is crucial that approved city decisions and permitting be honored so that developers can continue with confidence to continue to bring powerful community resources like the LifeAustin Amphitheatre to the city of Austin.



David Estes, Dripping Springs, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

This is my church. This is where we praise the Lord, have worship services, women's conferences, youth events and more!



Stephanie Warner, Austin, TX

59 minutes ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

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The ampitheatre is a great facility with a great purpose. Why would you take that away from us?

★ Kristal Hess, Austin, TX

1 hour ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

This ampatheater is a family friendly safe place and brings the Austin community together to share in love and positivity.

★ Lindsey Crouch, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I believe Life Austin has been called by God to provide this venue to the people and the city of Austin.



Carolyn Kahler, Driftwood, TX

1 hour ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

This amphitheater is very meaningful to myself and my loved ones and I believe it is an asset to our community and spreading love and community around us.



Landry Jones, Denver, CO

1 hour ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I believe this is a good thing for the community. Gives people something wholesome to be apart that is in close proximity.



Donald Trub, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

 I fully support the LifeAustin Amipetheatre! This venue has enriched my worship experience at LifeAustin and is a wonderful venue that's open to other groups in the Austin community. It's a beautiful and meaningful place.

Shandalin Mulig, Austin, TX

2 hours ago


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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

 This is a religious venue and should be able to continue reaching people for Christ without obstruction.

Montie Smith, Driftwood, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I'm signing so we can continue to reach the gospel to lost.



Anita Robledo, Buda, TX

2 hours ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

God needs to be Amplified! Let His praises be heard!



Rebecca Rocha, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

The amphitheater exists to bring people of all cultures, backgrounds, and life situations together to enjoy music, art, and the Holy Spirit in a fun, safe, accepting environment.



Meagan Medeiros, Austin, TX

2 hours ago

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I believe this is a great venue for all of the citizens of ATX



Karen Markham, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

Rules and permits were followed.



Katie Hallberg, Austin, TX

2 hours ago

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This structure is for religious assembly.



Robert Wickman, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

I want the decision to be upheld. The amphitheater is an asset to the community and a vital part of serving its church members and their families providing a place to worship and fellowship.



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Kiera True, Austin, TX

2 hours ago

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The amphitheater is good for the church and community.

James Boski, Austin, TX

2 hours ago

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The LifeAustin Amphitheater is a vital part of our ministry and plays a significant role in outreach to the community and worship.



Brock Stamps, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.



I want the BOA to uphold Mr Guernsey's decision and honor the City's representations

Johnathon 'Bud' Denson, Austin, TX

3 hours ago

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I want the BOA to uphold Greg Guernsey's decision and honor the City's representations.

Katherine Broughton, Austin, TX

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I want the BOA to uphold Greg Guernsey's decision and honor the City's representations.

Dennis Broughton, Austin, TX

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Thank you for taking the time to report content. Our team will review your claim, and contact you if we need more information.

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Report I fully support life Austin and the amphitheater for the support of wholesome family entertainment and worship. Our city needs more Christian values.

Sandra Buck, Austin, TX

10 minutes ago

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Michelle Pullins, Austin, TX

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Belinda Reinis, Austin, TX

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Heldenfels, Leane

From: John Wilkinson-Kerrigan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Life Austin Amphitheater- BoA Hearing - C15-2015-0147
Attachments: image1.png; ATT00001.txt; image2.png [REDACTED]

Hi there

I have provided an email previously on behalf of my family but would like to follow up given new information.

It has come to our attention that Pastor Phillips has sent his entire congregation the messages below in hopes of garnering more support than detraction for his unlawful outdoor and commercial venue.

Given the number of people that attend his church, we are concerned that our voices, the voices of those living within ear shot of his concert venue, will not be heard. Those that attend his church don't live in our neighborhood. In fact, the majority don't even live in Oak Hill. This tactic isn't just unfair, it's unjust. They were warned of the potential that their use permit could be retracted yet they continued with construction.

We hear the music every time there's an event. We hear it outside and inside our home. If the venue was for praise and worship, why does the volume need to be so loud? If in fact that was their real concern, I'd imagine they would be ok with a volume that doesn't go beyond their property. Certainly the sound system they invested in can ensure all attendees can hear.


No. The fact of the matter is that it's a commercial venue for the pastor's own band and for other music acts who want to use it. They charge for tickets - at the very minimum - making it a commercial venue. No one should need to pay for praise and worship.

Thank you for your time.

John Wilkinson
7120 Covered Bridge Drive

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Life Austin Noise

 Elizabeth Willmore
Aviara

A friend is on their mailing list and gave me permission to post the following - I've removed identifying data. We can hear the noise on certain nights, but are not deeply affected. However, those who are may wish to consider coordinating an effort similar to this:

Fellow Member of Life Austin Church,

A hearing is scheduled December 9th before the City of Austin Board of Adjustment concerning some neighbor complaints that the praise and worship services which include concerts and related activities being held in the LifeAustin Amphitheatre do not qualify as religious worship and that the BoA should overturn and reverse years of City approvals, contracts and permits and stop this activity.

Please prayerfully consider writing a letter to the BoA describing how you believe the amphitheatre contributes to the worship and praise ministries of Life Austin, encouraging the board to reject the argument that it is not religious assembly and allow the continuation of religious assembly as the primary use of the Amphitheatre.

1). Write a letter to:

Leane Heldenfelds

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the Amphitheatre.

1). Write a letter to:

Leane Heldenfelds

Staff Liaison - BOA

Please reference case number C15-2015-0147 in subject line.

2). Please forward the letter no later than Friday, November 20th to:

xxx@lifeaustin.com

Your letter will be compiled with other materials and submitted to the BOA for their review prior to the hearing.

We also ask for your prayers that God will defeat those who would limit or prevent worship and sharing of the gospel in the Amphitheatre.

Thank you very much!

Blessings,

XXX

Posted 1d ago to Aviara and 19 nearby

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3 THANKS 5 REPLIES



John Horrall, Windmill Run North

No one wants to prevent worship, just stop using a church to hide a commercial and obnoxious venue.



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Neighbors



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Heldenfels, Leane

From: Travis Lucas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 4:31 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Cc: Liz Lucas
Subject: LifeAustin - case number: C15-2015-0147 [REDACTED]

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Ms. Heldenfels:

My name is Travis Lucas. I live at 7309 Black Mountain Drive, Austin, Texas (in the Covered Bridge subdivision).

I support Life Austin's amphitheater. I am not a member of the church, by the way.

I believe that the church went through the proper protocol in getting their permit (as far as I can tell as a former real estate attorney and judge). The amphitheater adds tremendous value to the surrounding neighborhoods in that it adds more cultural experiences: music, dance, plays, and the like. The music is not loud from where I live. (I don't live near the boundaries of the church.)

I have not taken a scientific survey of my neighborhood, but I believe, through my discussions with some neighbors, that a lot of folks are not opposed to the amphitheater. It seems as if there are a select few dissidents.

Finally, I was not aware that my own POA was against the amphitheater. I was never informed that my POA would be taking a vote to take action against LifeAustin. If there are any "unclean hands" regarding due process (one of the arguments that the dissidents seem to make), I believe that my own POA is the grimy actor.

Thank you for reading this.

Cordially,

Travis Lucas

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Donald P Ward MD [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 2:00 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Cc: sherikleeman@austin.rr.com
Subject: Life Austin Ampitheater

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To: Board of Adjustment

From: Donald P. Ward Hill Country Estates

Case #: C15-2015-0147

My wife and I have lived in Hill Country Estates form many years. We never had a problem with noise until Life Austin came to be. The noise is a major issue to the residents of Hill Country Estates. As you know many of our residents have complained about the noise. They have appealed to you to keep the volume down to a decent level, but this has not happened.

I am asking the BOA to grant the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA. The great majority of our residents are disturbed by the persistent noise violations.

Donald P. Ward
Hill Country Estates resident
512-750-2926
dwardmd@austin.rr.com

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Heldenfels, Leane

From: Marjorie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 9:14 AM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Life Austin Amphitheater

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This is a gross injustice. Why would the city zone the amphitheater as residential when clearly the church is using it as a commercial money maker! This sets an extremely bad precedence! They must have someone at the city in their pocket, either that or there was an extremely incompetent person issuing permits. Does the city really want this reputation? Please reverse this decision in favor of the residents.

Sent from my iPhone

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Harry Stamatis [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2015 8:32 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Life Church Case # C15-2015-0147 8901 SH 71 West, Austin Texas 78736
[REDACTED]

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Dear Leane Heldenfels,

I am writing to you requesting that the Board of Adjustment grant the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA of which I am a member. Also I would please like to request the Board of Adjustment to direct staff to forward the Temporary Use Permit appeal filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA to the BOA.

Sincerely yours,

Harry & Patrice Stamatis
7704 Covered Bridge Dr.
Austin, Tx 78736

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Jason Clendenen jason.clendenen@hellenfels.com
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2015 7:57 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: C15-2015-0147

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Hello:

I am a property owner in the Covered Bridge subdivision. I have concerns about the amphitheater at 8901 SH 71 West.

We are concerned about the noise levels from this venue. While I don't want to be unreasonable and believe that the church has a right to hold events on their property, I hope that there will be noise restriction requirements (either by construction or by self-restraint) such that the sound does not reach our house (inside or out).

We moved to the area to have a quiet home in a quiet neighborhood, and having constant concerts nearby will take away from the area's charm, value, and quality of life.

Please consider adding restrictions to the venue to prevent it from being a nuisance to its neighbors.

Thanks,

Jason Clendenen

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Betsy Boyt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 4:52 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: [Released] Case No. C15-2015-0147; 8901 SH 71 West, Austin, Texas 78736
[REDACTED]

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Ms. Heldenfels:

I write to ask the Board of Adjustment to grant the appeal filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA in regards to the above referenced and numbered case.

I also ask the Board of Adjustment to direct staff to forward the Temporary Use Permit appeal filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and Covered Bridge POA to the Board of Adjustment.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth (Betsy) Boyt
OHAN Board Member

Heldenfels, Leane

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 3:13 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Cc: dalomala@earthlink.net
Subject: case no. C15-2015-0147, LifeAustin Amphitheater
[REDACTED]

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re: the LifeAustin amphitheater located at 8901 SH 71 West, case number C15-2015-0147

LifeAustin built a professional amplified outdoor music and events venue in our Rural Residential zoned neighborhood. Code clearly prohibits such activities and facilities in residential areas.

We, the residents of West Oak Hill, have been suffering noise intrusion inside our homes from the outdoor amplified music venue at the LifeAustin complex, since the summer. Sometimes, we are subject to loud events 3 nights a week: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Young children can't get settled in to sleep, and neighborhood dogs react to the noise as if it were fireworks or thunder. In my own home several blocks away from the music venue, I have put insulating foam over the windows in my bedroom furthest from the amphitheater. Yet, I can hear their sound (and audience whooping in response) even over a movie soundtrack. Reading or study is impossible during these events, and being in our yards is out of the question. There is no escaping the high-powered sound. Neighbors are very stressed, and are denied the peaceful enjoyment of our property. We fear also for our property values.

The construction of this professional amphitheater is a result of the City's inappropriate handling of filings these past several years. Staff set a precedent with administrative approval of both the amphitheater and mass assembly without temporary use permits. We have had no public hearing, no zoning hearing, and our appeals have been stonewalled. These same issues-- outdoor music venues and mass assembly in residential zones-- can now have a huge negative impact on residential properties throughout the greater Austin area.

Accordingly, I am respectfully asking the Board of Adjustment to take several actions:

- Grant the site plan and building permit appeals filed by HCEHOA and Covered Bridge POA ("CBPOA"); and
- Instruct City staff to forward the Temporary Use Permit appeal filed by HCEHOA and CBPOA to the Board of Adjustment.

Thank you

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Renee Cook [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 6:47 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Case number C15-2015-0147

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Dear Ms. Heldenfels,

I am writing this as a concerned citizen of Hill Country Estates. We have lived in this peaceful community for over 18 years, but now that has changed. With the recent addition of the Life Austin Ampitheater at 8901 SH 71 West into this rural residential area, that peace is now disrupted. I do not object to a church on the property, but I do not like hearing concerts inside my own home. Please consider the concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods in regard to this issue. We are asking that the Board of Adjustment grant the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and Covered Bridge POA and to direct staff to forward the TUP appeal filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and Covered Bridge POA to the Board of Adjustments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,
Renee Cook
9403 Summer Sky Dr.
Austin, Texas 78736

Sent from my iPhone

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Cary Buerkle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Case #C15-2015-0147 Amphitheater address 8901 SH 71 West.
[REDACTED]

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To whom this may concern:

We are asking for the Board of Adjustment to grant the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and Covered Bridge POA. We are also asking the Board of Adjustment to direct staff to forward the TUP appeal filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA to the BOA.

Thank you
Gus & Cary Buerkle
9600 Streamside Drive
Austin 78736

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Cheryl Degan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 1:49 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Life Austin cas C15-2015-0147

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Dear Ms. Heldenfels,

I am a resident of the Overlook Estates in Southwest Austin. We are frequently annoyed by the loud music of the Life Austin church in our peaceful neighborhood.

I want them to stop playing their ridiculously loud music. All we get is the base beat but I moved there to be near the nature conservancy and the peace and quiet it affords.

CHERYL DEGAN, CPA
Chief Financial Officer
Office of Texas Governor Greg Abbott
(512) 936-0157 - direct
cheryl.degan@gov.texas.gov

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Heldenfels, Leane

From: Janet Foote [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 4:11 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Fwd: PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TODAY - LifeAustin: 8901 SH 71 West - Case number: C15-2015-0147

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Dear Ms. Heldenfels,

I am contacting you in your capacity as staff liaison for the Austin Board of Adjustment (BOA). I have been a Covered Bridge community resident since 2008 and have lived through years of frustration with the intrusive behavior of Promiseland West/Life Austin Church and their determination to install an open air music venue with permanent sound amplification and a heavy schedule of events, including late night concerts, in the middle of our Rural Residential (RR) zoned neighborhood. This intrusion was inappropriately and illegally enabled and abetted by the City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department and its director, Greg Guernsey, refusing to forward our appeals of their decisions to the BOA, as required by law.

The Covered Bridge and Hill Country Estates neighborhoods have suffered with this intrusion for years. The neighborhoods have had to spend large sums of money trying to stop the building of the amphitheater and to contest the vacillating decision and obstruction presented by Mr. Guernsey and other city staff. We have had multiple meetings with the church and offered many reasonable options, none of which were adopted. Now that the church has proceeded with building and operating this illegal music venue, residents in these neighborhoods and others are having to deal with these intrusive sounds in their homes with doors and windows closed!

Please help us make this right by the following requests:

- I ask the Board of Adjustment to GRANT the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA
- I ask the Board of Adjustment to direct city staff to forward the Temporary Use Permit appeal filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and Covered Bridge POA to the BOA
- The hearing on the site plan and building permit appeals is currently on the BOA agenda for November 9, 2015 at 5:30 pm in City Council chambers. I ask that the request by the neighborhoods to postpone the hearing until December 9, 2015 be granted

Thank you,

Janet Foote
7308 Covered Bridge Drive
Austin, TX 78736

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Juergen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 3:24 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane; Juergen
Subject: Case #: C15-2015-0147; address: Life Austin, 8901 SH 71 West

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Dear Ms. Heldenfels,

My wife and I are residents of Hill Country Estates subdivision, we live in 9501 Murmuring Creek Drive.

I'm writing you today to express my and my wife's feelings and experience with the noise of the amphitheatre at the Life Austin property.

Despite the fact that our house is quite a distance from the amphitheatre we are able to hear music from there quite often. It of course depends on how the wind blows it's sometimes more and sometimes less. If the wind blows in the "right" direction, the noise is quite annoying!

However we cannot imagine the noise and loudness it will have with neighbors who live closer to the amphitheatre.

The thing which bothers us most is the fact that according to the zoning code it is illegal to build and entertain outdoor assembly in that area. We consider Life Austin as a religious place, where Christian services are held. As a Christian we also must assume that the property is used in conjunction with Christian beliefs and values. Why can somebody who call himself a Christian and at the same time do something deemed illegal? This doesn't add up.

Our second concern is that our property values in the entire neighborhood may certainly become negatively influenced by having to endure constant and regular noise from the amphitheatre. We live in the neighborhood since 1994 and paid more than \$100.000 in property taxes. We want to make sure our properties keep their values, because otherwise it could bring financial hardships to potential sellers.

We like you and the BOA to consider those aspects very seriously in your decision making process and hope that the decision will be based on following the laws as they are outlined in the City Codes.

Best regards,
Juergen & Maria Lutz

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, **you are not required to attend**. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak **FOR** or **AGAINST** the proposed application. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice will be sent.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (*it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice*); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 10 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our web site: www.austintexas.gov/devservices.

Written comments must be submitted to the contact person listed on the notice before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the name of the board or commission, or Council; the scheduled date of the public hearing; the Case Number; and the contact person listed on the notice. All comments received will become part of the public record of this case.

Case Number: C15-2015-0147, 8901 D. Hwy 71 West

Contact: Leane Heldenfels, 512-974-2202, leana.heldenfels@austintexas.gov

Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, November 9th, 2015**

when the Board will vote on a request to postpone the hearing to a special called meeting **Wednesday December 9th, 2015.**

Michael Taylor

Your Name (please print)

9203 Claxton Dr

Your address(es) affected by this application

[Signature]

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Date

Comments: The 'church' has built a commercial live music venue which blasts the entire neighborhood with sound. Instead of selling tickets they have suggested donations to cover the 5-15,000 fee that artists charge. This is a ploy to call this a religious assembly to grow their revenue stream. They can assemble quietly for indoors.

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To the City of Austin Board of Adjustors,

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I have discovered that some want to argue a point that the Life Austin Amphitheatre is not consistently hosting events that apply to praise & worship. As in many circumstances, I would argue that this group of opposition has not carefully researched what is taking place at this location. If they had done this diligence they would not moved forward with this objection.

If even the slightest bit of objectivity is used, any critical-minded individual would clearly observe that the primary use of the Life Austin Amphitheatre is to serve its members and the community in praise & worship and the facility in which to exercise the freedom of religious assembly.

Furthermore, I find it (these objections) insulting to the Board's processes, intelligence. No facility of such function and capacity is not very well considered prior to its approval.

Sincerely, Dr. Roger Balón