

EXHIBIT J

Subject: (none)

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 2:42:31 PM Central Standard Time

From: SANDI MILLER

To: Jill Warren

Leane Heldenfelds,

My letter to you is in great concern for you to please not stop Life Austin Church from being able to play their music. I am a surrounding neighbor and I love their music. It does not play all the time, they do not play everyday, they play for a few hours once in a while and always during city ordinance times. I do not have a problem with them playing religious music at all. I love that they support the community, local artists, musicians, Childrens youth programs to keep kids off the streets and out of trouble.

In my opinion, again being a neighbor i do not have a problem with them at all. Please do not stop them from playing the beautiful music that comes from their ampatheater.

Sincerely,

Sandra Miller
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Millerrider2@hotmail.com

Esther L. McCord, Ph.D.
Retired School Administrator
Texas Exe
Nov. 16, 2015
Concerning C-15-2015-0147

Dear City Of Austin Mayor and Council Members:

It was brought to my attention, that someone has lodged a complaint against the Life Austin Church leadership concerning legally authorized and permitted concerts at the Amphitheater—adjacent to the Church.

Everyone has a right to complain about anything—correct or incorrect. It is my suggestion that before you spend city funds or time on this type of complaint that several points be documented and verified. These are as follows:

1. The exact dates and time of the alleged concerts that the complaint names.
2. The distance of the complainant's location(s) from the Life Austin site when the alleged aggrieved situation occurred.
3. The complainants personal preference regarding Christian or non Christian music and activities (i.e. atheist or other religions or perhaps a dislike of all music Christian or secular).

It is my understanding the Life Austin leadership, did receive City of Austin approval to hold musical concerts and other meetings at the Life Austin location. Can the aggrieved complaint be compared to the parameters of the permit already issued to determine if a true violation occurred, before the council members engage in needless review of this possibly frivolous complaint?

Your attention in this matter is most gratefully appreciated as is your ongoing hard work you engage in to make Austin a great place to live and work.

Kind regards,

Dr. Esther L. McCord



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November 16, 2015

Ms. Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - BOA

RE: Case Number **C15-2015-0147**

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds:

As a member of LifeAustin, I am writing with regard to the above Case Number to share with you my views about the complaint regarding the use of the LifeAustin Amphitheatre. This Amphitheatre is a key component of the heart of LifeAustin. Its primary purpose is a religious one as we intend to utilize it for our varied and unique Church-related get-togethers.

Although not the *primary* purpose of the Amphitheatre, another nonetheless important purpose is to provide a place where the people of Austin can come and enjoy the blessings of what God has given our Church: *the LifeAustin Amphitheatre*. While some of the "non-church events" do not on their surface look like "religious assemblies", all in truth *are* because of the *location* of the Amphitheatre. When someone comes to our campus, they have to ask themselves something like this, "Why would this church WANT to have us on their campus for a performance like this which is really not directly associated with their religious activities?" That is exactly the question we *want* them to ask because for us at LifeAustin, all of life represents the opportunity to bring into a non-believer's mind the possibility that there is a God out there who loves them just as they are and just where they live. By coming out to our campus, they come face-to-face with Christianity in a way that they would never have expected. Every event held at the Amphitheatre is, thus, a "religious assembly" because God Himself will show up at that event no matter what the program is. And ... where God shows up, that is the perfect definition of a religious assembly!

I respectfully ask that this complaint be dismissed as being without merit.

Respectfully,

Mark K. Leaverton

November 16, 2015

City of Austin Board of Adjustment

Re: case number C15-2015-0147

To Whom It May Concern:

We the Rodriguez Family believes the Amphitheatre in questioned contributes to the worship and praise ministries of our Life Austin fellowship religious foundation. We encourage the board to reject the argument that it is not religious assembly and we request that you allow the continuation of religious assembly as the primary use of the Amphitheatre.

Take care and God Bless – I thank you in advance for your continual support in this case.

Sincerely Sam and Denise Rodriguez

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sam Rodriguez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

426 Eagle
Lakeway, Texas 78734

JOHN M. BARR

November 16, 2015

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - BOA

Subject: Case # C15-2015-0147

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds,

Attached is a letter my wife and I distributed to our Covered Bridge neighbors last year regarding the Life Austin worship facility that was then under construction. Both the church in Serbin and now the worship facility at Life Austin will serve as holy places of worship for our family in the generations that follow. God willing - 200 years from today - our descendants will be able to worship and praise the Lord's holy name in both facilities.

There is something unique about the construction of a holy place of worship. Throughout time there has been a strong desire to construct sanctuaries for not only the current generation but for the generations that follow. Each generation has a chance to build and this worship facility is ours.

I understand that some are saying our Life Austin worship facility does not contribute to the ministry of our church. It seems those opposed to this place of worship base their opposition in the unique construction of the structure itself. They say that while having a roof and walls, certain parts of the worship facility meet the outdoor air and from what I can gather, it's that blending of the structure into nature that they are so very much against. For me, I can't imagine why that blending of the structure into the world would nullify worship to our Lord?

Our facility is for religious assembly and has no other use. The unique construction of the Life Austin worship facility is in keeping with our faith and should be allowed as a place of religious assembly. Indeed, if you look at the settings where Jesus gave most of his lessons, these were delivered in nature.

Regards,



John Barr

JOHN M. BARR

September 26, 2014

Dear Covered Bridge Neighbor,

Below is a recent Texas Monthly article describing Lyle Lovett's favorite spot in Texas. Out of all the places he could have mentioned, he chose St. Paul's sanctuary in Serbin, Texas. If you know Mr. Lovett and his music, you would have to say that is quite an honor to be his choice.

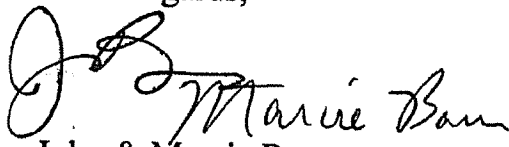
My ancestors came with a group of Wendish settlers and they built that church. Before building their own homes they actually got to work building a sanctuary and the story goes that they lived in crude mud dugouts before finishing the work on that holy place. Many years later, great Texans draw strength from their struggle to build.

There is another sanctuary being built near us today. And our HOA is doing everything in its power to stop that construction.

My wife and I along with hundreds of others from within our community have committed much in seeing construction of this holy place. It is my genuine hope that 200 years from today another great Texan will sit in this place and draw strength from it.

We ask that you help us by letting our HOA know that construction of the Life Austin worship facility, known by many as the amphitheater, should continue and that our HOA should cease all efforts in stopping the construction of a place of worship.

Kind Regards,


John & Marcie Barr



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Date: November 16, 2015
To: Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison
City of Austin Board of Adjustment
RE: Case Number C15-2015-0147

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds,

Please accept this letter in response to the argument that the events held at the LifeAustin Amphitheatre do not qualify as a religious assembly. As a member of LifeAustin Church, I hope I can provide a helpful perspective on this situation.

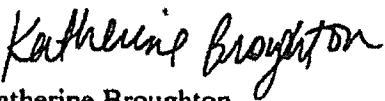
I have attended several of the worship events that have been held at the Amphitheatre since our church completed the outdoor worship venue. Each event has been spiritually uplifting and worshipful. Anyone in attendance would clearly realize that every event there is intended to bring praise and honor to the God in which our church believes. I found it very surprising to hear that some people make the argument that the events do not qualify as religious events. I can only assume that the people making these claims have not attended any of the events themselves.

I love our city. I love the diversity of Austin, and the respect that my fellow citizens and I show each other regarding our different beliefs and lifestyles. Living downtown, I personally know firsthand what it feels like to hear live music from my home and to live in close proximity to people whose lifestyles look vastly different from my own.

Our church, LifeAustin, is committed to honoring all sound and other guidelines and to showing our neighbors all due respect. Our hope and request is that our neighbors would extend the same courtesy – honoring our right to assemble for religious reasons and showing us respect as we do.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my letter.

Sincerely,


Katherine Broughton

Subject: C15-2015-0147

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 4:23:08 PM Central Standard Time

From: Lisa McLamb

To: Jill Warren

Dear Leane Heldenfelds – Staff Liaison - BOA,

In 2013 when we first started attending Life Austin – I learned that the church would be building an outdoor amphitheater. Honestly, my first thoughts were surface thoughts– thinking worshipping outside sounded exciting but I really didn't know how much the amphitheater would touch my life until I experienced it. . .

In 2010 on Thanksgiving my son Dakota met God. He passed away in Lewes, DE and the little memories we had of him were left behind when we moved to Austin in 2013. The reason I share this is because when the amphitheater opened we were able to honor our son by creating a plaque that is now on a seat in the amphitheater.

This past year we have attended many of the events in the amphitheater and when I sit in his seat– I not only get to worship our almighty creator but I think about heaven and embracing my son again. I reflect on how short life is and how important it is to raise my three year old and seven year old boys in the way God wants me to raise them. I have also had discussions with my oldest son, (after he has read the plaque) about his brother Dakota, life, and Jesus – which I hope to believe - have impacted his life.

I envision future events in the amphitheater and I see a safe place that will attract my boy's friends (that may keep them out of trouble) and place that will inspire my boys to transform their lives to the men God wants them to be. I also envision this amphitheater changing more lives in a positive way and helping families connect.

With all this said, the amphitheater has already strengthened our family, has helped me find joy within my own grief, and I have excitement thinking about future generations finding their own positive identity with God.

Please consider that there are many more stories like mine and the positive spiritual impact it has on our community.

Sincerely,

Lisa McLamb

November 16, 2015

To Leane Heldenfelds

Staff Liaison Board of Adjustment City of Austin

Subject C15-2015-0147

Dear Leane,

I would like to address the issue of the Amphitheater located on the Life Austin Campus. I have been told that there have been maybe 15 events there and my wife and I have attended approximately 6 of them. Each event that we have attended has been a time of not only enjoying music, storytelling, dancing and celebrating but has also been a time for us as Christians to worship Jesus Christ our Savior with prayers, singing and just being in his presence.

As Christians we believe that God created the world we live in. He has provided us with the air we breathe, the sky, the clouds, the winds, the sunshine and even the humidity and bugs. What better place to worship God that out in the open where we can see and feel his greatness? I believe that the whole Life Austin campus is focused on the work of God and that the Amphitheater which my wife and I financially supported along with many others exists only because of the blessing God has given us. It is Holy Ground for us. When I see the bricks in the walk way that have both my parents and wife's parents' names inscribed in them it reminds us of how blessed we are to have our earthly parents but also that we have a heavenly Father that watches over and provides for us.

I understand that people from the outside might not see this connection that we have to God with this campus but it is truly a place of worship for us. I ask that the Board of Adjustment reject the argument that a few neighbors are making. I also pray that the people making the argument might have some peace about this matter and that we can agree to disagree but co-exist as neighbors.

Respectively submitted

Michael and Janice Hamilton

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Subject: Re: Life Austin Amphitheatre

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 8:04:39 AM Central Standard Time

From: Susan Shirley

To: Jill Warren

Atten: Leane Heldenfelds

Staff Liaison BOA

Re: Case C15-2015-0147

My spouse and I attend Life Austin now since 2013. We moved from Louisiana and looked for a long time to find a church home where we felt true christian love all around us. Pastor Randy Phillips is a God fearing man who loves the Lord and circles himself with a staff of those, who are also doing God's work in the church. The members of the church have had a dream for many years to have a beautiful amphitheatre where we could enjoy great music and share music with the city of Austin as a whole. Pastor Randy and his staff work very hard bring christian entertainers to this venue for all to share in.

Please do not take this beautiful place from our family(church family). We invite you to be a part of family at Life Austin and experience the love that we have every time we enter those doors. You are always welcomed.

Please remove this case (C-15-2015-0147) from your target list.

In Christ I Remain,

Charles and Susan Shirley

Sarah Short
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November 16, 2015

City of Austin Board of Adjustment
Attn: Leane Heldenfelds, Staff Liason

Re: Case Number C15-2015-0147
LifeAustin Amphitheatre

Leane:

I understand that the use of the LifeAustin Amphitheatre is being questioned. The last event I attended was so full of praise and worship and was so meaningful to my spiritual life. It fed me so deeply. And, as I looked around, there was no question that it was filling many other lives as well. My worship doesn't just happen in the sanctuary with Pastor Randy. It happens anytime there is music involved. I raise my hands to our Lord and praise His holy name. I pray that the amphitheater will continue to be a place I can go to worship and praise our Risen Lord.

Thank you,

Sarah R. Short

To the City of Austin Board of Adjustors,

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 Barrón

Subject: Case number C15-2015-0147

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 10:25:27 PM Central Standard Time

From: Dona D. Gonzales

To: Jill Warren

November 16, 2015

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - BOA
Case number C15-2015-0147

Ms. Heldenfelds,

I'm writing to you today regarding the above case number. It's been brought to my attention that there has been some kind of a complaint regarding 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. I find this to be absurd. The concerts and worship activities that go on there are exactly that.....praise and worship services and related activities. This was the sole intention of this Amphitheatre, was to be able to praise and worship in an area that would be beneficial to all that attended. I challenge you to come out to this gorgeous place and see for yourself exacting what's going on there. Don't take the word from someone else...see for yourself.

Please do not take this away from all who benefit from it now, which are mostly young people. This place draws so many young people to know and see what God is doing in and through them and to take that away from them would be an absolute devastation not only to them, but to us all.

I believe the amphitheater contributes to the worship and praise ministries of Life Austin in a major way, and I encourage the board to reject the argument that it is not religious assembly and I ask the board to continue to allow religious assembly as the primary use of the Amphitheatre.

Sincerely,

Dona Gonzales

Our Right to Worship—November 16, | 2015

To:

City of Austin Board of Adjustment:

Attention: Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - BOA
Case number **C15-2015-0147**

Please remember our rights as Christians to worship our God as we desire. Our religious freedom should not be limited or prevented by anyone. Our nation was founded upon God in whom we trust, upon godly principles, the right to practice our religious beliefs and worship the way we believe. Our rights must be protected too.

All of the praise and worship services which include concerts and related activities being held in the LifeAustin Amphitheatre do qualify as religious worship. This is the way and the place we worship.

I'm asking you, City of Austin Board of Adjustment, **do not** overturn or reverse years of City approvals, contracts and permits and stop this worship activity. **This is our right to worship our God in the way we worship! We do not want our worship to be prevented or limited. Let us worship God with all our hearts, mind, body and spirit.**

Worship music soothes and calms the mind, body and soul; it brings health and healing to the mind, body, and soul. **It is spiritual, not natural.** It is the way we honor God and worship God.

Psalm 150 King James Version (KJV)

¹50 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

³ Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

⁴ Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

⁵ Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

⁶ Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Our Right to Worship—November 16, 2015

This is only one passage of scripture that talks about praising God, which is worship. If you need more scriptures, please contact me: Evangelist Waters at www.PureGoldEvangelisticMinistries.com.

I firmly believe the amphitheater contributes to the worship and praise ministries of Life Austin, because of so many scriptures in the bible, it's how we worship. Please reject the nonsense argument that it is not religious assembly and please allow the continuation of our religious assembly as the primary use of the Amphitheatre.

Respectfully,

Evangelist M. Waters
www.PureGoldEvangelisticMinistries.com

Subject: case number C15-2015-0147

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 5:26:06 PM Central Standard Time

From: Randall Chase

To: Jill Warren

Ms. Heldenfelds,

It has been brought to my attention that there has been a request to overturn a decision to allow LifeAustin Church to host religious events including concerts due to an individuals ideas of what "worship" consists of. I find this clear attempt to silence the freedom of worship clearly upheld by the First Amendment in which "United States Constitution prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, impeding the free exercise of religion," would very evidently violate. This case would in no uncertain terms impede the free exercise of religion. This case pends on one persons personal view of what a "exercise of religion" look and sounds like. If you want to begin defining what one person calls worship vs what another thinks, you will be opening a Pandora's Box that truly no one wants to delve into. I implore the City of Austin to look very carefully at this and understand the precedence that a case like this could have on the city. I love Austin and I would not want this type of publicity to become what our truly open-minded and forward thinking community could become known for.

Picture

Randall Chase, IOM

Periscope Community Summit COO

512-960-9023 |

<http://www.RandallsChase.com>



Subject: Amphitheatre Letter

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 5:45:33 PM Central Standard Time

From: Jamie

To: Jill Warren

To: Leane Heldefelds
Staff Liaison to the Board of Adjustment

RE: Case Number C15-2015-0147

I am a member of Life Austin Church and have attended numerous events at the Life Austin Amphitheatre since its opening. I know the church has been diligent in working with the City staff to follow the administrative processes for permitting, soliciting the Music office's input on sound management and vendors, and spending considerable money to build a state-of-the-art sound management system. According to a test conducted by the City Music Office, it performed way beyond expectations and far beyond any other facility in Austin.

Those who question whether the Amphitheatre is being used for religious assembly have obviously not attended any events! The events have been wonderful examples of praise and worship, sharing the gospel, and powerful testimonies of faith by the performing artists! We know that citizens of Austin who would not have attended a more traditional church service have attended events and many people have become believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of attending.

Please support the City staff who appropriately worked with church to properly apply the City codes and reject the arguments presented in the appeal. To do otherwise would be to dishonor the diligent work of the staff, and to trample on the right of religious assembly for members of Life Austin Church.

Sincerely,
Jamie Broughton

Sent from my iPhone

To:

Leane Heldenfelds

Staff Liason –BOA

Regarding:

Case no. **C15-2015-0147**

Hello

In regards to the Life Austin Ampitheatre, there has been some news that neighbors are complaining of too much noise distraction and that church members' rights to gather there for worship and Christian performances might be taken away after permits have already been received to do so. It is a place of worship and the rights of free citizens to worship as Christians through singing, concerts, performances I believe should not be infringed. I pray that you would see to it that no rules are made to prevent people from enjoying whatever Christian worship takes place there.

Thank you

Sincerely,

John M. Price

Subject: In regard to the ampitheatre at Life Austin

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:45:47 PM Central Standard Time

From: Kristin Cross

To: Jill Warren

The Ampitheatre at Life Austin is a very positive contribution to Austin. The events that I have attended there are uplifting and inspirational. I just started attending Life Austin Church and the Ampitheatre is an extension of the message that is provided in the Church. The people are so welcoming, so kind, and loving!

In my opinion, the Ampitheatre is an extension of the Ministry of the church as well as a positive contribution to the well-being of the community, and my family.

Every one of the events that my family and friends have attended has enriched our lives..... and we have been sorry the programs were not far longer.

We have chosen to arrive early for the events as we feel the presence of the Lord and enjoy the people that congregate at the Ampitheatre.

We are telling everyone we know that this is the best thing that Austin could ever have happen!!!!

Because of Life Austin and the Ampitheatre, I have my final Church Home.

Life Austin Church is transforming lives!!! The Ampitheatre is an extension of that transformation. We have quality entertainment that is in line with our beliefs for clean living fun. How wonderful is that!!!

Kristin Cross

Subject: case number C15-2015-0147

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 10:23:49 AM Central Standard Time

From: dbutler3@juno.com

To: Jill Warren

Ms Leane Heldenfelds Staff Liaison - BOA,

I have attended a few of the activities at the LifeAustin Amphitheater venue. The format has been praise and worship by singing religious songs and some people committing their lives to Jesus at the conclusion of the concert.

I also attended the Veterans Day celebration on Sunday Nov 8th and that even had prayer for our currently deployed military and the singing of God Bless America.

a side note, i am very conscious of noise and during one of the concerts i went up by the main church in the parking lot and felt the noise level was considerably low and wondered what the complaint was all about. I also noticed that the concerts I attended ended well before the 10 pm cut off time, in fact the parking lot was practically empty at the cut off time

Please put this complaint to rest and let us practice our right to religious assembly.

sincerely

Dennis Butler

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November 17, 2015

TO: Leane Heldenfelds, Staff Liaison

RE: **C15-2015-0147 - Life Austin Amphitheatre**

It has been distressing to learn of the complaints by some local citizens who feel that the organized activities which are held at the Life Austin Amphitheatre are not "religious assembly" and that the Board should reverse and overturn the already approved City approvals, contracts and permits in regards to the Amphitheatre.

As a member of Life Austin, I can positively respond by saying that every event held at the Amphitheatre has been nothing other than life-giving, encouragement-enriched and praiseworthy "religious assembly." I have seen teenagers bond and worship during back-to-school music services, women of all ages blessed and inspired as they gather and worship during women's conferences, and children experiencing God during planned family services at the Amphitheatre.

This is a request for the Board of Adjustments to allow the decisions that have been previously made on this worthwhile project to stand so that the Life Austin Amphitheatre can continue to be used as an outdoor assembly building and ministry of the church.

Your consideration is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Angela Vallejo

amvallejo@austin.rr.com

Leane Heldenfelds, Staff Liaison
Board of Adjustments
City of Austin

Reference case number **C15-2015-0147**

Dear Ms. Heldenfeld-

We are members of LifeAustin Church and beg the Board of Adjustments, the Austin City Council Members, and other City officials to continue to qualify our LifeAustin Amphitheatre as a venue for religious worship to the Austin community. Perhaps it is hard for a "non-Churched or non-believer" to understand how God can and does work through art. Art touches the heart and soul, perhaps in song, dance, theater, or film. The Amphitheatre might not have a Pastor standing up preaching God's word, but God's message can be delivered in a variety of non-traditional formats.

The LifeAustin Amphitheatre has provided and will continue to present various programs to our neighbors, community, and our City. The programs offered are inspirational, healing, and transformational for audiences made up of children, youth, and adults. At the Amphitheatre an individual who does not know of God's love and grace, can be sitting next to a Christian who is sharing how they have been healed by God's unconditional love. The youth in Austin have a safe place to go and enjoy peers spreading God's word as they participate in the arts.

The Amphitheatre has provided the opportunity for children with multiple physical and mental disabilities to sing and dance as they are praising God's grace. Families have watched movies which have subtle "religious" messages such as *The Lion King*, where Simba searches for his destiny in the great "Circle of Life". Simba is christened with the sign of the cross on his forehead and then presented to all the animals, achieving another step in the circle of life. Or in the movie *Frozen*, Anna and Kristoff conquer fear.

The Amphitheatre has the following scheduled events which might be difficult for individuals to understand how it is "religious worship" but just by the name of the venues:

Rock the Red Kettle concert- 100% of admission fees will go to the Salvation Army. The purpose of the Salvation Army is to deepen the spiritual life, unite in prayer, identify and develop leaders, increase self-support of the less fortunate. Austin artists are donating their time and talent to raise funds to provide food, shelter, vocational training, counseling, etc. to the lost or needy in our own City.

Ballet Magnificat – Ballet performance based on the Gospel of Luke to magnify God.

Mark E. Schultz concert, Mark is a Dove award winning performer (Prestigious annual award of Gospel/Christian music). Mark is dedicated to supporting our injured military personnel with inspirational music.

Annie Moses Band will be performing the classic Christmas favorites, featuring a beautiful performance of *O Holy Night*.

As Austinites for over forty years, we are honored that LifeAustin Amphitheatre is here for our grown-up kids and grandkids, their friends and neighbors and have the opportunity to learn about God in art.

Again, we ask for your support to allow us continue to spread the Gospel at the LifeAustin Amphitheatre to all in our community and our great City.

Should you have any questions or if we can further explain the purpose of the Amphitheatre, please call either Tonna at (512) 657-1838 or Steve at (512)-694-9569.

God Bless.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tonna and Steve Marcyes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "God Bless." text.

Tonna and Steve Marcyes

Subject: Let me know if this works.

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 2:33:35 PM Central Standard Time

From: Vicki Bodwell

To: Jill Warren

Leane Heldenfelds

Staff Liaison - BOA

Re: C15-2015-0147

Dear Leane,

There are some things that are better experienced than described. This is especially true about the Life Austin Amphitheater.

To truly capture the feeling of connection with your friends, family and community as you share in the joy of music, you simply must go to a performance. The music programs and talent welcome church members, their friends and the surrounding Austin community.

With our growing dependence on technological communication, we all too frequently find ourselves isolated from our neighbors. Our community is in great need of **more** shared experiences, not fewer. Music is important part of American culture and is a central part of Austin's heritage.

Our amphitheater brings to South Austin a much-needed community center that is aligned with our city and it's culture.

We invite you to come, share and connect.

Warmest regards,

Vicki and Brad Bodwell

3601 Purple Heron Dr

TO: Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison-BOA
Case number: C15-2015-0147

Dear Ms Heldenfelds-I am a member of Life Austin Church and have some comments I'd like to make about the churches uses of the LifeAustin Amphitheatre. I have been to several concerts and events at the Amphitheatre and each one has been an incredible event of worship and praise for the Lord. I do consider each of these events as praise and worship since they start off with a group prayer and the entertainment is religious in nature. I know that Pastor Phillips is always considerate about ending the events at the appropriate times so that we do not impact our neighbors. I believe that all these events do contribute to our praise and corporal worship at the church. We also held one patriotic event celebrating Veterans Day and this was also a praise and worship event.

I respectfully request that you do not overturn or reverse any of the City approvals, contracts, and permits that have been granted through the years for the building of this Amphitheater. This Amphitheater has been used exclusively for religious assembly and I pray that we can continue its use.

Thank you and God bless you;

Teanne Basham
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11/18/15

Leane Heldenfelds

Staff Liaison - BOA

I am shock to hear about the accusation being made on Case No. C15-2015-0147. Life Austin is Christian based church where I attend to stay in the word of God to worship and praise. The church is just not a Sunday morning services. It provides different celebrities of Christian artist though out the world to preform & worship live music indoor & outdoor. As for me to experience the enjoyment to have that opportunity to attend indoor & outdoor instead of just listing to Spirit 105.9 FM & K-Love 92.1 FM, etc. is an awesome feeling. I am asking please don't take that away from me and others. I would greatly appreciate.

Thank You,

Graciela Canales

11/18/2015

SUBJECT: REF Case# C15-2015-0147

RE: Life Austin Amphitheater

Dear Ms. Leane Heldenfelds,

I am writing this letter to express my views of the LifeAustin Amphitheater. This is a place of worship within my community. This is a beautiful organization that I believe transforms lives through Christ. The events held at the amphitheater, such as concerts and other events have always been a place of worship. Please allow us to continue worshipping at the LifeAustin Amphitheater through musical events, concerts and festivals.

The amphitheater offers a safe environment to worship outdoors.

Thank you for your time.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Fox", written over the printed name.

Kristin Fox

Member of LifeAustin Church

Subject: Life Austin Amphitheater

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 8:07:24 AM Central Standard Time

From: Al Jones

To: Jill Warren, Tonna Marcyes

I am writing on behalf of Life Austin and their amphitheater. Life Austin is a church that is committed to serving the community by providing multiple activities, programs and amenities for all ages of individuals and families.

One of the most important amenities is the Life Austin amphitheater. It was designed with a purpose of reaching the local church and community with Christian based with concerts and guest speakers in an outdoor venue. It is one of Life Austin's way of using the arts in praise and worship.

All of the pervious and schedule events held in the Life Austin's amphitheater is Christian based. The concerts focus on praise and worship and can easily be considered a worship service. If an individual was to Google and read about any of the Christian musicians as well as listen to any of their music, they would easily see that each of these groups are strictly Christian. Their individual sound and style of music may vary but their message and lyrics are clearly Jesus focused.

If you have any doubt, I encourage you to read about and/or listen to the following artist that have appeared or are schedule to appear at Life Austin.

07/19/15 The Katinas
07/24/15 Building 429
08/10/15 Light the Night Brock Gil, Capitol Kings, Gunther
08/13/15 Blind Boys of Alabama
09/06/15 Phillips, Craig, and Dean
09/29/15 Paul Young-Author of The Shack and Eve
10/04/15 Austin City Worship-Music ministers from 6 Austin Churches
10/06/15 Immerse Women's Conference Anita Renfro, Tim Tebow, Julie Lyles Carr
11/07/15 Family Fall Festival (Free rides, games, food, Inside Out movie)
11/08/15 Central Texas Veteran's Celebration
11/20/15 Rock the Red Kettle ATX-Cory Morrow, Pat Green, Jack Ingram, Drew Womack (ATX Performers fund raiser for Salvation Army)
12/50/15 Ballet Magnificat (Story from Luke)
12/18/15 Mark Schultz
12/19/15 Christmas with Annie Moses Band

If you have any questions or would like to speak with me about this very important topic, I can be reached by phone at (512)733-8000 or by email at ahjcounselor@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you,
Al H. Jones, PhD
Head to Heart Restoration Ministry, Director

Eri Contreras
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November 18, 2015

Leane Heldenfelds,
Staff Liaison - BOA
Case Number **C15-2015-0147**

Dear Leane Heldenfelds,

I am writing this letter in regards to the LifeAustin Amphitheatre. 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 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. I am encouraging the board to reject the argument that it is not a religious assembly and allow the continuation of religious assembly as the primary use of the Amphitheatre.

Sincerely,

Eri Contreras

Subject: Case Number C 15-2015-02487

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 11:25:53 AM Central Standard Time

From: Linda Wait

To: Jill Warren

To :

Leane Heidengelds

Staff Liaison- BOA

Case C15-2015-0147

Dear Leane,

Am writing today in behalf of Life Austin Church in regards to the case of the Neighborhood Association filed against the church. Can understand their side if this situation, but pray that a reasonable solution can be found. Pastor Randy Philips & his remarkable staff has complied with all the ordinances required by City Ordinances, before the amphitheater was construction. Pastor Randy 's vision for Life Austin was based for the love of God & this community. He & others have worked to bring city wide events such as the Good Friday Services, each year funds collected go to a charity. Met with City Officials to assist awareness in our neighborhoods. Life Austin has hosted for those whom in the community, fall & fun events, family events to bring each other together, regardless if you attend or a member of this church. The amphitheater has in these past months had offered a beautiful salute to our Veterans, up coming event to benefit the Salvation Army.

Life Austin is a giving church, whom support many charities & church members whom have suffered from the fires & floods. This amphitheater is a vessel to bring those to God. Just like the construction on Hwy 71, we must be patient, but all will work out for the best. Please don't take away a gift that had been given to Transform people's lives.

Thank-you ,

Blessings,

Linda



Dave Sanders

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November 17, 2015

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - Austin Board of Adjustment

Re: C15-2015-0147

Ms. Heidenfelds,

I am writing this letter in support of the permits for the Life Austin Amphitheater. I am not a member of Life Austin Church, but I have friends that attend church there. I have attended three events at the venue, The Katinas, Gungor and the first City Wide Worship Night. At all three I was impressed with the quality of the facility, the professional sound and the staff and volunteers on duty.

All three of the events I attended would definitely be considered "religious worship" experiences. All three had inspirational Bible based messages, Christian worship music and prayer. The City Wide Worship night was especially beautiful as Worship Leaders from churches all across the city came together for a night of music, worship and prayer.

At the last event as I parked my car and walked down the hill to the amphitheater, the music had already begun and I was thinking how well this venue was designed. The sound was well controlled and did not seem at all too loud.

Thank you for continuing the permits for outdoor events at this quality venue that adds so much to the community and is such a vital part of the Life Austin Church.
Sincerely yours,

Dave Sanders

Subject: re: ACTION REQUESTED!

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 4:35:22 PM Central Standard Time

From: Sharon McDaniel

To: Jill Warren

10501 Thomaswood

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Austin, Tx. 78736

November 17, 2015

Re case number: C15-2015-0147

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liason - BOA

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds:

I am writing this letter requesting that you overrule the complaints of the neighborhood about Life Austin's amphitheater.

I live about 1 mile from the church and once in a while if I go out in my yard I think I can hear music from the amphitheater, which is comforting and encouraging to know that there are so many Christians coming together in this area. Other times I do hear booming music when Life Austin does NOT have a venue, which could be the VFW Hall, the Rusty Mule, or - I don't know. Either way, none of it causes me any discomfort or outrage.

I am a member of the Thomas Springs Tributary neighborhood email group and I can attest that there on only a handful of wearisome, meddling complainers about Life Austin, and dog poop in their yards. Some time ago I wrote a comment on the email defending Life Austin and my email was labeled "abusive" and removed.

Please REJECT the pending request to reverse the contracts and permits and allow Life Austin to continue to be an inspiration to it's 2000 members.

Respectfully,
Sharon McDaniel

From: "Jill Warren" <notifications@ccbchurch.com>

Subject: Re: ACTION REQUESTED!

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 11:31:35 PM Central Standard Time

From: GARY MCLEAREN

To: Jill Warren

Please use my letter below, to let the Board of Adjustment know my thoughts on worship in the Life Austin Amphitheater.

Leane Heldenfelds

Board of Adjustment Case number **C15-2015-0147**

Ms. Heldenfelds

I am a member of Life Austin Church. It my place of worship, and fellowship. I'm troubled that some of our neighbors are contending that the Life Austin Amphitheater is NOT being used for religious worship services. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I have enjoyed - and hope to continue to enjoy - performances that give glory to God in music, songs, dance, and other celebrations of a relationship with Our Savior. If meeting with other believers, and sharing praise and worship in the amphitheater is not a religious observance, maybe you can tell me what is.

Life Austin strives to be a good neighbor, while working to further His Kingdom. I hope you look closely at how worship helps define a religious activity, and work to keep current allowances in place.

Thank you - Gary McLearn

SUSAN S. CASEY

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November 17, 2015

Attention: Leane Heldenfelds, Staff Liaison - BOA

Re: Reference case number **C15-2015-0147**

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds,

I am writing this letter to state that all of the events that have taken place at the LifeAustin Amphitheater are events that honor God through praise and worship and I stand in favor of honoring the current BoA City approvals, contracts, and permits.

It has come to my attention that The LifeAustin Amphitheater is under attack by a few neighbors who are questioning and complaining about the events that take place at that venue. Their complaints question the praise and worship services which include concerts and related activities being held at the LifeAustin Amphitheatre, and they are concerned that these activities do not qualify as religious worship. Consequently, these few neighbors have recommended that BoA should overturn and reverse years of City approvals, contracts and permits and stop this activity.

My question is who defines what praise and worship is and what it looks like? I have attended almost all of the events held at the Amphitheater and at each event, the name of God was lifted up and honored! Sometimes with music, sometime with dance, sometimes through comedy, sometimes with families present, and sometimes with only adults, but all in all instances, each celebration or tribute was just that, an opportunity to gather with like-minded people celebrating God, praising His name, and worshipping in a manner appropriate to the event. I repeat the original question, who defines what praise and worship is and should look like? Is it the volume of the sounds being made, is it the words being uttered, is it the sounds of laughter, or tears, or shouts? Does praise and worship require music to be authentic? Does it require people to be stoic? Or should they be exhuberant? Can electronic equipment be used or outside structures?

In looking for an accurate answer to this question, I am providing a brief commentary that does a great job of addressing this issue. <http://www.praise-and-worship.com/> (below).

It is my hope that this clarifies the concern at hand, and allows the BoA to see that everything that takes place at the Amphitheather is indeed a form of praise and worship and therefore **IS** completely within the terms and guidelines of what the City of Austin has already approved. As such, the current approvals, contracts and permits should stand.

SUSAN S. CASEY

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What is praise and worship

Worship, according to the dictionary means: a) to show profound religious devotion; b) to have intense love and admiration; and the definition of praise is: a) to express admiration or approval for; b) to express thanks and worship to God. In other words, praise and worship go hand in hand.

Praising and worshipping God is not about a ritual, or prayer repetition. It's not about spending a few minutes a day reading our bible or about reciting our wish list on a daily basis. True worship requires total commitment of our body, mind and spirit. It's about exalting, adoring and acknowledging the God of the Bible. It has nothing to do with religion, but it has everything to do with having an intimate and profound relationship with God - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

To many, worship is associated with singing. But there are certainly other types of worship. I believe the most important way to show our devotion to God is through our everyday lives. When we strive to be Christ-like, to loving and serving others, to honoring and glorifying God, then we are truly worshipping Him.

We can worship God in church, in the garden, while we're shopping or in the shower. Location doesn't matter or how many people are involved. Worship can be done with a group of people, or by ourselves. When we come before the Lord with a pure and repentant heart, He will bless us with His grace and mercy.

We can worship God through prayer, singing, raising our hands in adoration, dance, art, through the use of colors, playing instruments, using flags and banners, and even through mime (an exciting combination of mime, sign language and drama).

As stated above, the expressed purpose for which this venue was created has been honored each time by the quality of the activities and events that it hosts. The events allow people to gather in a Christ-centered community for the purposes of praise and worship and creating a safe environment to celebrate and learn more about our God.

The current approvals, contracts and permits should stand for the LifeAustin Amphitheater!

Sincerely,

Susan Casey
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Leane Heldenfelds

Staff Liaison - BOA

Case # C15-2015-0147

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds:

I am writing in regards to the complaint that the praise and worship services which include concerts and related activities being held in the LifeAustin Amphitheater not qualifying as religious worship and that the BoA should overturn and reverse years of City approvals, contracts and permits and stop this activity.

I have attended several events at this venue and all were entertaining but also worshipful. It is a place we come to praise our Lord with music and prayer, along with speakers that provide us with knowledge and inspiration.

We invite anyone to come. It will not take anyone long to realize that the purpose of this Ampitheater is to reach the masses and introduce them to the Lord.

Please prayerfully consider allowing the Ampitheater to continue to operate as it was intended....a place of religious assembly. This is its primary use.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

A concerned citizen & registered voter,

Kay Reeves

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November 18, 2015

Ms. Leane Heldenfelds
Austin City Staff Liaison
City of Austin Board of Adjustments

RE: Case number C15-2015-0147

To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to voice my support for LifeAustin and the current ministry that is provided by enjoying the new amphitheater. It is a gorgeous place to gather.

I have attended 2 different events and both were deeply touching and enjoyable. The ability to gather outside of a religious church setting but still be surrounded by other spirit filled people is powerful. The LifeAustin Amphitheater allows us to gather and enjoy the talented people that entertain us with the spirit of the Lord close at hand. We don't have to worry about offensive language or situations that would be uncomfortable. People worship in many different ways and the Amphitheater allows for different styles of worship to be enjoyed.

I think this enhances and compliments what Austin has to offer for people that wish to visit this amphitheater and enjoy a spiritual evening on the campus of LifeAustin. It is something that appeals to many people in Austin and should be supported by the City as well. What a wonderful amenity this provides for all of us. Typically their ticket prices are affordable and allowing a variety of people with different economic situations to come and share in the word and talents of entertainers.

I urge you to continue your support for the LifeAustin Amphitheater and the worship options it provides for all Austinites.

Fondly,

Laurie Gosda

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Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison
Austin Board of Adjustment
Case # C15-2015-0147

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds,

It has come to my attention that the primary purpose of the Austin Life Amphitheatre is in question with the Board of Adjustment.

My wife Jeanee and I moved to the Austin area 18 months ago from Houston. We started attending Life Austin shortly after our arrival. In full disclosure we were a financial supporter of the Amphitheatre and have attended two of the Ministry Outreach functions since its inception.

My wife and I are Christians and have been active in Ministry for nearly 33 years, previously at our former Church, Resurrection Lutheran in Spring, Texas and now active with the Life Austin Prayer Team.

Throughout our lives scripture has encouraged and commanded us to reach out to those that have a Church home and equally to those seeking the word of God. As a young Catholic boy educated in the Parochial system for 12 years I was taught to share the Love of Jesus in Thought, Word and Deed. Translated a little more directly, I am to pray for those seeking Christ, I am to be prepared to share the Words of Christ and I am to extend myself to the community to Serve others.

The Life Austin Amphitheatre emboldens all of those basic tenants at each of its events. Every session begins with Prayer, Scripture is shared with those in attendance and ministry teams are there to welcome and care for our visitors.

Ms. Heldenfelds a few words on paper do not lend sufficient weight to Praise and Worship that the Life Austin Amphitheatre declares to God the Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth and to His Son Jesus. If you should desire, I am happy to present myself to the Austin Board of Adjustments and offer a more passionate defense of the Life Austin Amphitheatre. My contact information is listed below and I will avail myself to your call.

Now I would liken to leave you with a guiding principle that has comforted me for these many years. From Psalm 96:1-3

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord all the Earth
Sing to the Lord, Praise His Name
Proclaim His Salvation day after day
Declare His Glory among the Nations
His Marvelous deeds among all Peoples

The primary purpose of Life Austin and of the Amphitheatre is to Share the Love of Jesus in Thought, Word and Deed.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views.

Respectfully,

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November 18, 2015

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison – BOA

RE: Case Number C15-2015-0147

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds,

It has recently been brought to my attention, the potential for the BoA to overturn and reverse existing City approvals, contracts and permits in order to cease community strengthening activities at the LifeAustin Amphitheatre.

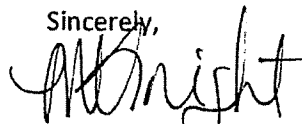
It absolutely breaks my heart to think of the devastating, life-long impact this action could have on so many individual lives.

The activities and events hosted at this Amphitheatre are not simply for entertainment. Instead, this place presents an opportunity for individuals to come in contact with personal healing, self-understanding and spiritual restoration that they might never have the opportunity to experience without the activities at the Amphitheatre – individuals who so desperately and unknowingly need what a church has to offer but who would never step foot inside church walls. Without the Amphitheatre these individuals may never experience restoration and healing.

This facility builds community bringing people of all walks of life together without the confinement of physical walls. In a city like Austin, that touts being the Live Music Capital of the World, a venue such as the LifeAustin Amphitheatre is the epitome of community, outdoor activity and music that Austin states are of the most important values of its fiber. Please allow this venue to continue fulfilling that purpose.

I am a resident in the immediate community and request that you please accept my full support to continue all activities at the Amphitheatre.

Sincerely,



Meredith Knight

November 18, 2015

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison – BOA

Reference # C15-2015-0147

This letter is to express my belief and experience that the Life Austin Amphitheatre most definitely contributes to the worship and praise ministries at our Life Austin church. I strongly encourage the board to reject the argument that the Amphitheater is not for religious assembly and allow the continuation of religious assembly as the primary and beneficial use of the Amphitheatre.

Sincerely,

Carol Miltenberger

Subject: Fwd: Leanne Heldenfelds, Staff Liaison - BOA, Ref. C15-2015-0147
Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 2:51:36 PM Central Standard Time
From: Gisele
To: Jill Warren

-----Original Message-----

From: Gisele <giselemj@aim.com>
To: Jill <Jill@lifeausitn.com>
Sent: Wed, Nov 18, 2015 2:37 pm
Subject: Leanne Heldenfelds, Staff Liaison - BOA, Ref. C15-2015-0147

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - BOA
Ref. C15-2015-0147

Dear Mrs. Heldenfelds

I am a member of Lifeaustin church and my family really enjoys the positive faith based sermons and fun religious activities for my entire family.

The amphitheater is a unique venue that hosts Christian concerts, religious motivational speakers and so much more. This is a great place for all families in Austin, Texas to hear the positive message of God's love for everyone! Therefore please do not take away the permits needed to maintain this facility open as a religious place.

Sincerely,

Gisele Jones

Bill Gunn

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11/18/2015

To: Leane Heldenfelds: Staff Liason - BOA, City of Austin

Subject: case number: C15-2015-0147

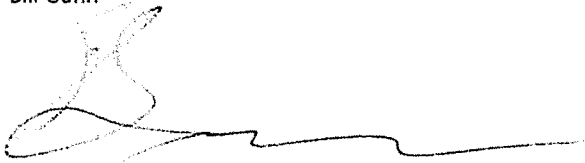
Dear Leane,

I am writing in support of the Life Austin Amphitheater as an extension of the praise and worship ministry of Life Austin Church.

After attending multiple assemblies and concerts at LifeAustin Amphitheater, I know from personal experience that these events are a life changing addition and enhancement of the worship and praise ministry of Life Austin Church as well as a spiritual resource for the surrounding communities.

As these assemblies at the amphitheater are definitively religious in nature, I urge the Board of Adjustments to reject the argument that the facility is not being used for religious assembly.

Warm regards,
Bill Gunn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bill Gunn', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dear Leane Heldenfelds,

Hi, my name is Leslie Murphy and I have been attending Life Austin Church since July of 2015.

I'm writing on behalf of Life Austin's Church Amphitheater.

I am currently and have been for the past 17 years lived as a devoted Christian. I attend Sunday Services and participate in praise and worship, 4 of my children attend Elementary and Middle School Youth at Life Austin Church and LOVE it! They express how much they learn about God. I also practice praise and worship on a daily basis in my own personal life and so do my husband and 5 children. I would also like to include some extra credentials, that prior to Life Austin Church I was a lead teacher for Children's Ministry for 13 years, Event Coordinator for various events with in the church and outreach ministries for 7 years, in the praise and worship team for one year, My husband was one of the lead singers and piano player for the praise and worship team for 7 years and my oldest daughter was the Youth praise and worship leader for 4 years at our previous church, before moving back to Austin in July 2015. I also was Co-CEO and Operational Manager for Mike Murphy Basketball Company, in which we held week long Basketball Camps during the summers as an outreach program, were we Preached the gospel through the game of basketball to many children for 9 years.

I'm very confident through my experiences and knowledge with Praise and Worship and Church Conduct, to say, that I would be able to recognize what true Praise and Worship and Religious assembly looks and sounds like.

Praise and Worship is an expression of admiration, reverence, honor and gratitude to God through speech, and/or song, writing, music, prayer, services, devotions, with or without Instruments, with yourself and/or with others, not to mention all the other various ways with the resources available to us in today's age and the gifts and talents we possess to give Glory to God with.

And that's EXACTLY what Life Austin Church and Amphitheater looks and sounds like!!!

I have seen the Itineraries myself and I want to assure you that the Amphitheater has practiced praise and worship unto God with each performance and service held within it, without compromise!

Praise and Worship to God is one of Life Austin Church's foundational truths shown in their belief and practices throughout their ministries.

The Amphitheater is a reflection and Extension to who the Church is.

Expressing who they are on the inside, on the outside.

Praise and Worship is a life style and the Amphitheater is a place, a platform to expand experience and enjoy that!

The Amphitheater helps support Gods work at Life Austin. Services and music exalt God; people are encouraged, lifted up and prayed for while having great fellowship with all through good, honest, biblical fun.

That's the heart of the church, to love God and people!

We live in Austin, the Music Capital of the world that embraces all types of Musicians who are accepted despite ones genre. As well as a City that preaches, keep Austin weird, celebrate diversity, help local establishments, accept all..... I believe Life Austin Church is a member of this community who expects nothing less for themselves, an equal opportunity to see their hopes and future come alive and be accepted for who they are!

Life Austin Church has opened the Amphitheater for many Christian Artists and Speakers to come and praise and Worship God in truth and share their testimonies and the word of God to all who come and all are welcomed.....the Church is unique, divers, established, accepts all and desires to grow and be a part of the community and reach out to the city as they share the love of God through various religious ways at the Amphitheater. They have been a law abiding establishment and people that have upheld their word since day one and have used the Amphitheater to glorify God just as they said they would and I'm a witness to that.

I ENCOURAGE you to PLEASE dismiss the arguments from the neighbors that say the Amphitheater is not being used for religious gatherings. It is simply not true and hope that you see, that the truth is, Life Austin Church Amphitheater is being used for religious assembly. I urge you to allow the Amphitheater to continue to be used for its Religious purpose. Please let my church, our church, Life Austin Church dreams to remain a reality and give us the opportunity to reach our goals by using the Amphitheater!

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Leslie Murphy

(512)483-1001

Subject: Case# C15-2015-0147

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 12:39:44 PM Central Standard Time

From: alison dollar

To: Jill Warren

Leane Heldenfelds, Staff Liaison-BOA,

My husband and I are members of Life Austin Church. Our Ampitheather, that sits on the beautiful property of our Life Austin Campus was constructed solely for Religious and prayerful events only. A way for Christian ministry musicians, the Arts, and anything having to do with Religion, Prayers, and Ministry to be taken outside where our Church members and whomever would like to come, praise and worship God outside ,under a beautiful building and in God's outside beauty and elements can come and Praise our Almighty.

This is such an integral part of the Ministry at Life Austin, and has brought so much pleasure to all who have gone to the many worshipping events held in our Amphitheater. It has been a joy to all of us. And it would sure be a shame and disgraceful to not allow continuation of our Religious Assembly where so many deserving people can come connect with and praise Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your much needed consideration in this matter please,

Mark & Alison Dollar

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - BOA
Case number C15-2015-0147

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds;

It has come to my attention that a hearing is to be conducted on the true purpose of the LifeAustin Amphitheater.

I truly am at a loss for the questioning of the purpose of this structure. Throughout history many churches have constructed monuments to themselves to serve and yes even entertain their members. This church is different! This church, my church, has spent a significant amount of time, labor, and capital to construct a beautiful structure to serve Austin, Texas.

This is not about entertainment, even though there will be world-class entertainers that come here. This is not about LifeAustin church getting together to be with each other, even though we will be together in an act of serve. No, this is about something very selfless, and critical to the people of Austin, Texas.

This, amphitheater, Ms. Heldenfelds, is not for the LifeAustin church; it is a unique and brilliant endeavor, by the pastor, Randy Philips, to attract Austenite's to a world class gathering of entertainers, for the sole purpose of sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. That's it. No ulterior motive, no hidden agenda, simply the purpose, that has been communicated from day one; that this structure exists to share the Word of God... period!

So in emphasis; nothing has changed from day one, in intention, or motive. There is no basis for any change in permitting or in religious assembly being allowed as a freedom of speech.

Thank you for your consideration.

May you be blessed for all your discernment.

Shawn d. Mack
Member, Life Austin Church

November 18, 2015

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - BOA

RE: **C15-2015-0147**

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds,

I would like to formally express my concern for neighbors that claim Life Austin & the use of the Amphitheatre is not used for religious worship. These neighbors that make this claim have clearly never attended the church or the Amphitheatre. One visit and one would clearly see lives transformed.

Please consider allowing Life Austin to continue to make a difference in Austin, Texas & all over our country. Life Austin isn't just making a difference in our city, but far beyond. Life Austin is able to make a difference in other cities, states & even countries with their ministry.

I cheerfully support Life Austin.

In His Grace,

Lori Johnson
Life Austin member

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18 November 2015

Ms. Leane Heldenfelds
City of Austin Board of Adjustment
Development Services Department
1st Floor/Development Assistance Center
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767

Re: Case# C15-2015-0147

Dear Ms. Heldenfelds:

Concerning the above referenced case, it has been brought to our attention that a hearing is scheduled for December 9th before the City of Austin Board of Adjustment (BoA). As we understand it, this is concerning some neighbor claims that the LifeAustin Amphitheatre events do not all qualify as religious worship. These neighbors are requesting that the BoA negate years of city approvals, contracts and permits.

We worked diligently to set aside funds we could donate to the LifeAustin Amphitheatre project. Why? Because we know that the best way to share the love that our faith professes is by reaching out to our greater community. **The entire reason for this venue's existence is to build a bridge between greater Austin and our even greater God. EVERYTHING that happens at the LifeAustin Amphitheatre is to this end.** Some of these events will be obviously faith-based, but others will take a more subtle approach. We're trying to reach a wide audience of believers and non-believers alike with our message. Certainly, these neighbors are not the highest authority on which of the activities can or cannot be classified as religious in nature.

We urge you to thoughtfully consider our defined purpose and consistent actions. Then, please encourage the BoA to allow the continuation of religious assembly as the primary use of the LifeAustin Amphitheatre.

Thank You in Advance for Your Consideration,
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November 17, 2015

Leane Heldenfelds
Staff Liaison - BOA

Re: Case number **C15-2015-0147**

Dear Leane:

I write this letter as a friend of LifeAustin. Our organization stands in agreement with LifeAustin's appeal that you reject the argument that the activities in their amphitheater are not religious assembly. We ask that you support LifeAustin and its continued primary use of the Amphitheater for religious assembly related to its worship and praise ministries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricthe L. Carney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Ricthe L. Carney
Executive Director
ABBA (Austin Bridge Builders Alliance)