

Heldenfels, Leane

From: judd@apple.com on behalf of Maxx Judd [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Cc: Maxx Judd; Donn Gauger
Subject: Life Austin Church Amphitheater / Case # C15-2015-0147

Dear Leane Heldenfels,

I'm a resident at 7200 Covered Bridge Drive in Austin and our property is on the ridge looking directly at Life Austin Church and their new Amphitheater.

I would like to add our frustration to the list of residents in our area about the frustrating noise we must tolerate about:

Life Austin Church and Life Austin Amphitheater
Case Number: C15-2015-0147
Address:
Life Austin
8901 SH 71 West
Austin, TX 78735

We've been concerned and actively involved in this for 7 years. The fact that they were given building permits on this amphitheater by city staff and that the city of Austin has now made unprecedented determinations on acceptable outdoor venues and special allowances for a religious organization are unethical and illegal.

The fact that Austin City Staff allowed:

- Staff interpreted the "religious assembly" use to include outdoor religious assembly and an outdoor amphitheater as principal uses under religious assembly.
- Staff interpretation also expanded "religious assembly use" to include musical and theatrical performances as well as benefit events at which tickets can be sold.

What has happened is a fully commercial outdoor performance space that thousands of neighbors now have to deal with on a very very regular basis.

The church has a HUGE INDOOR venue. Why they can't have their meetings inside and in private are beyond me. The staff has lied about their music test, their traffic studies, and their intentions. There's nothing "religious" going on, it's simply a money making scheme by a Pastor who is doing exactly what he wants and is funding it on the backs of his congregation who give untold amounts of money to the church, and now they have a fully operational music venue that they will book at every opportunity. It's an embarrassment for the City of Austin planning teams.

We will be at the meeting tonight at City Hall, and we can't wait to hear what will happen to correct this situation. We are going to hold the City of Austin accountable for the work that Greg Guernsey approved in the dark of night allowing Life Austin Church to get exactly what they wanted.

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Thomas Thayer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 11:23 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: C15-2015-0147 8901 SH 71 West, Austin, Texas 78736

Dear members of the BOA,

I ask you to grant the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates and Covered Bridge POA in regard to the outdoor amphitheater at 8901 SH 71 West C15-2015-0147.

There was no public hearing held on the site plan or temporary use permit for the outdoor amphitheater on this property. The authorization for the facility was given via e-mail with no notification to any neighborhood groups. Therefore, they should have the chance to appeal the decision.

This amphitheater is a commercial facility that sells tickets. This sets it separate from a purely religious facility and regular worship services. There is no issue with there being a church there, and there is no issue with them playing music. The only problem is the noise from loud music that can be heard inside people's houses. If the amphitheater were enclosed, there would be no problem.

Please revoke the outdoor amphitheater permit and allow neighbors to have some peace and quiet. The church can worship freely without bothering their neighbors.

Thank you.

Tom Thayer
7405 Scenic Brook Dr

Heldenfels, Leane

From: David King [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 9:43 AM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: BoA Hearing - LifeAustin Outdoor Amphitheater 8901 SH 71 West - Case C15-2015-0147 - December 9, 2015

William Burkhardt, Chair, Melissa Hawthorne, Vice Chair, Brooke Bailey, Michael Bengali, Kelly Blume, Eric Goff, Don Leighton-Burwell, Rahm McDaniel, Melissa Neslund, James Valdez, and Michael Von Ohlen, Board of Adjustment,

Please grant the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates Homeowners Association and the Covered Bridge Property Owners Association. Please direct staff to forward the temporary use permit appeal filed by Hill Country Estates Homeowners Association and the Covered Bridge Property Owners Association to the Board of Adjustment (BoA).

City staff administratively approved a site plan for the LifeAustin Church that included a 1,500 seat outdoor amphitheater on property zoned rural residential and interpreted City code to allow outdoor musical and fundraising events without conditional or temporary use permits.

This issue could affect every neighborhood in the City. Based on staff's expansive interpretation of City code, any church could hold outdoor events without seeking conditional or temporary use permits from the Planning Commission or City. Neighborhoods would have no right to oppose or limit the number of events.

Please consider the following points regarding this matter:

- Staff did not have the authority to administratively approve LifeAustin's construction of an outdoor amphitheater.
- Ticketed concerts, plays and other forms of entertainment are not religious assembly.
- City should enforce the zoning code as it is plainly written.
- Staff's interpretations set a precedent to allow all church grounds to become outdoor entertainment venues.
- If the code says non-residential zoning is required to have an outdoor event with more than 50 people, how can staff approve gatherings of 1,500 people in the Rural Residential zoning district?
- The zoning code requires a conditional use permit (and public hearings) to be obtained before property owners can hold graduations, theatrical plays/productions, meetings, concerts, recitals, ballets, family movie nights, and other events in an event center. Staff has ignored this requirement.
- The amphitheater should be enclosed.
- Rural Residential zoning means a rural and quiet neighborhood.
- The LifeAustin outdoor amphitheater is not a residence and it is not quiet.
- Loud concerts on school nights are bad for school aged children.
- Recurring loud outdoor concerts harm property values. How would you feel if you could hear concert music inside your home on a weekly basis?
- The approval of the outdoor amphitheater violates the letter and the spirit of the zoning code.

Respectfully,

David King
Zilker Neighborhood Resident
Austin, TX 78704

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Jamie Eveleigh [redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 9:08 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Case C15-2015-0147

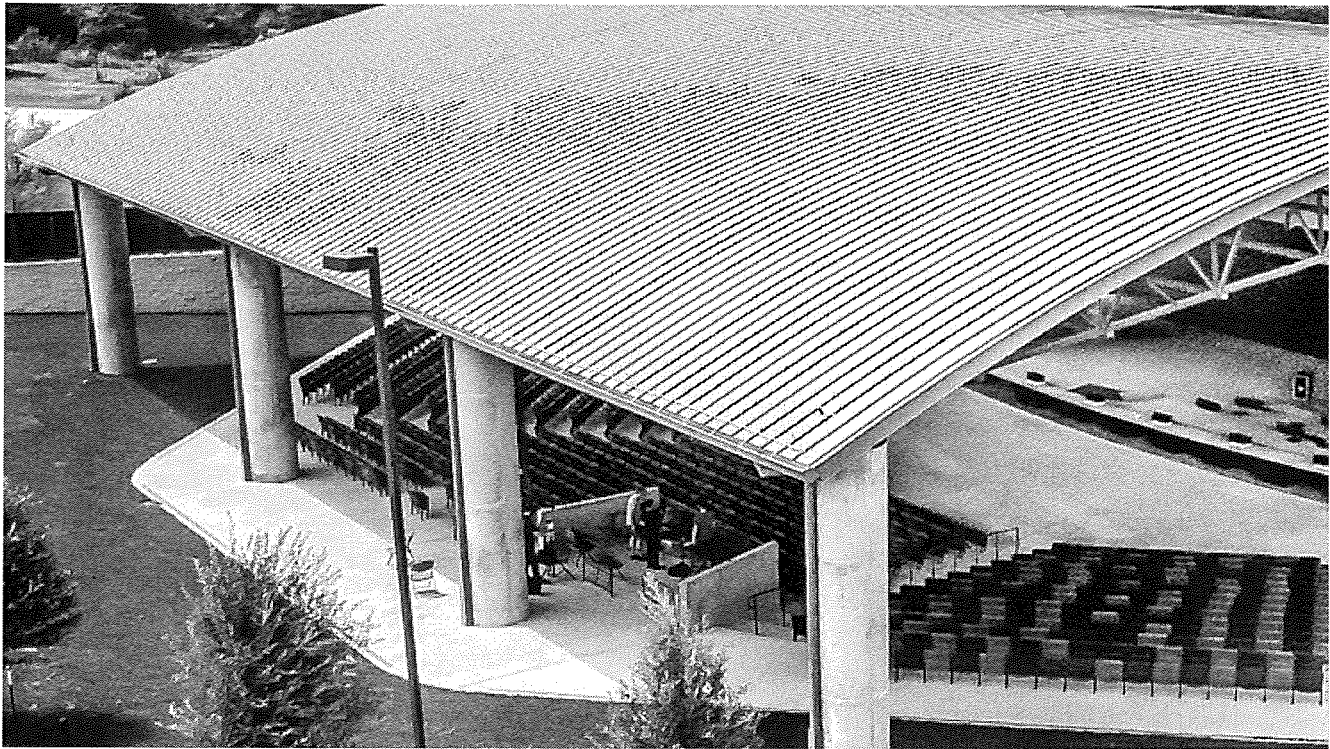
Dear Ms. Heldenfels,

I am writing with respect to case C15-2015-0147, regarding LifeAustin Outdoor Amphitheater located at 8901 SH 71 West, Austin, TX 78736.

I am requesting that the Board of Adjustment please grant the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA. Please also direct staff to forward the Temporary Use Permit appeal filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA to the Board of Adjustment.

Regards,

Jamie Eveleigh
Covered Bridge Drive



LifeAustin

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Supporters

"By signing below I hereby recognize and affirm that I am a member of LifeAustin Church. The LifeAustin Amphitheatre is an essential element of the Church's ministry. The Amphitheatre exists to bring transformation to the community through the arts given by the Creator in a setting that brings us closer to the Creator. One of the Church's guiding principles is to think and act on the imaginative ideas of the Holy Spirit in all that it does, including the expression of art, dance, drama, and music. The arts are a part of the way in which members of the Church prepare their hearts and minds to hear the word and to respond to that word."

Letter to

City of Austin Staff Liaison-Board of Adjustment Leane Heldenfels

Re: Case number C15-2015-0147

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LifeAustin started this petition

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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 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

3 weeks ago

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The amphitheatre provides an amazing place to introduce friends and family to Jesus Christ in a non-threatening environment through the arts.

★ **Carl Bowen**, Austin, TX

1 week ago

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Robert Merrill, Austin, TX

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Ryan Boswell, Austin, TX

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I want to thank the leaders of the witch hunt in Covered Bridge for leading me to Life Austin, which I have just decided to join as my family church this week. I decided to check out the church and see what all the fuss was about. My backyard on Roaring Springs couldn't be any closer to the amphitheater and the only noise I hear is from a few select neighbors who incessantly complain about music. A few have even resorted to bullying those of us who don't support their cause on Nextdoor.com. They have complained about the "effect on property value" but apparently they haven't bothered to check tax records or MLS data, because property values have been on a dramatic and steady incline for years. As a former Realtor who practiced in Austin for fifteen years, I can assure you that a popular church is going to increase property value if anything. The signs these neighbors have placed about the amphitheater on our streets WILL drive away buyers, as will the posts on online neighborhood boards. If this were truly a noise issue, I would support it wholeheartedly, but from the behavior of these individuals and the lack of noise in my own backyard, I have to question their motives. The leader of the pack lives a street to the South of me, so my house is in between hers and the church. If the seven members of my household can't hear anything (and we've tried!), I find it very difficult to believe that she can. I have talked to the neighbors on my street and they haven't heard music either. I have come to the conclusion that this has to be either people still angry over losing the fight with the city or perhaps these people have something against christianity in general. I truly hope that is not the case. Enough of this, Covered Bridge! Let me live in peace. And thank you for pushing me to go investigate Life Austin for myself.

★ Sandra Heflin, Austin, TX
11 hours ago
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It needs to be signed.....

★ **Phillip Freeburg, Austin, TX**
2 days ago

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The LifeAustin Ampitheatre is an essential element of the church. The facility provides a family friendly venue for the expression of dance and music.

★ **Debbie Maynor, Austin, TX**
3 days ago

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south west Austin needs a place like this to add to the enjoyment of life.

★ **william cravy, Austin, TX**
4 days ago

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I have had the honor to attended many events at the Life Austin Amphitheater and find this has been a great assist to South Austin. This venue has the ability reach the community in a none threatening way. I believe that should the city leaders keep an open mind that having such a venue will continue to show Austins local talent and arts. Not to mention the great music talents... What better way than Keep South Austin Alive... with the Life Austin Amphitheater.

★ Inez Day, Austin, TX
4 days ago
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I believe that the Amphitheatre will prompt spiritual blessings on all who visit. This will apply to Christians and Non-Christians alike.

★ Robert George, Dripping Springs, TX
4 days ago
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This amphitheater is a plus for the whole community offering family entertainment usually free of charge!

★ Melissa Joseph, Tyler, TX
4 days ago
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This venue is amazing and I have been to about 7 or 8 events there in the last several months. All were Christ-centered and honoring of God as well as family oriented.

★ Annette frazier, Dripping Springs, TX
5 days ago
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I'm signing because I truly believe the Amphitheatre is a place of Christian fellowship. I am not a member of this church at this time, but I have been attending with my family for several months with plans of joint as members. The huge outreach to the community including the activities at the amphitheatre are major factors in that decision. I want my children to know the Holy Spirit exists in all activities of life.

★ Andrea Richardson, Austin, TX
6 days ago
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Every event I have been to here at LifeAustin Amphitheater has been inspirational, and has influenced my personal spiritual growth. The amphitheater is an important part of evangelizing and reaching people with the love of Christ.

★ Claire Cain, Austin, TX
1 week ago
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the amphitheater brings everyone together to fellowship and grow in love and the Lord.

★ Melissa watts, Austin, TX
1 week ago
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I'm signing cause I've have known Pastor Randy and Bishop Phillips for years.I have traveled to Austin to attain services at Life Austin and The Promiseland for over 20 years and Randy has done what GOD has called him to do by Building Life Austin Church and the Amphitheatre. The City can cause all kinds of waves and the people around the church too but God is there on that land so he will protect what is his and what he had an awesome man of GOD build that I don't see any man destroy. Thanks Pastor Randy for an awesome place of worship.

★ Sammy Casarez, College Station, TX
1 week ago
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I'm signing this petition because I firmly believe the amphitheater is an asset to the community more than it could ever be a hindrance.

✱ Rosie Debbs. Austin, TX
1 week ago
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I BELIEVE THAT THIS VENUE IS A BLESSING FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

✱ MARY DURHAM, AUSTIN, TX
1 week ago
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The LifeAustin Amphitheater offers a valuable opportunity for anyone to come and praise God through joyful music. The amphitheater was built according to regulations and operates in good faith. We trust the city to appreciate the value it brings to so many and to bless us by denying the complaint.

Patricia Lewis, Wimberley, TX

✱ 1 week ago
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This area needs a faith based venue for promoting our Savior through the arts, music and event based community. I am proud LifeAustin has taken the initiative with the LifeAustin Amphitheatre!

Brian Sherman, Austin, TX

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I believe in what Life Austin is doing.



Elizabeth Carson, Austin, TX

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I want the theater and the buisness it will bring to town and for the church



Robin Moore, Dripping Springs, TX

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Robert Merrill, Austin, TX

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I am signing because we love love the amphitheater. An amazing outreach to the community, for all to enjoy and an amazing worship experience.



Lisa Fink, Austin, TX

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This facility is a venue of good and not that of ill will or bad behavior. This is an opportunity to bring the love of Christ to others not even associated with our church family. Good will and sharing this behavior with the arts is a decent and honest goal.



Bill B Zilar, Buda, 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 amphitheater is the BEST thing that could happen to Austin! It's clean family safe fun!



Rebecca Naddef, Austin, TX

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I am signing because I have first hand watch events change the lives of teenage youth I have brought to events there. I watched a group of fatherless youth from East Austin, who were brought to a concert there and 5 of the 8 brought accepted Christ!! That would have never happened trying to get them into church. That was the vision of Randy Phillips and that is what has happened in the short time it as been open. So I tell be don't fight it until you have firsthand watched it change lives like I have!!!!!!!!!!



Ron Bruno, 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.

Please allow LifeAustin to continue sharing the love of God through our amphitheatre to the lost and lonely by transforming lives..."for once I was lost but now I'm found".



Cynthia Fregy, Spicewood, TX

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Being an elected official myself, I find anything that can bring a positive impact to the community and benefit the quality of life is always welcome. My understanding is that there was strong and thorough communication between the developer and code enforcement to make sure all was in compliance . City codes have been followed according to the set requirements and it is my hope that you continue to support the ordinance that you set in place. The people of LifeAustin care deeply about the citizens of Austin and the surrounding areas. LifeAustin has no intention of being a burden to the surrounding communities, but to enhance the quality of life. Please choose people over political endeavor.



Reed Norman, Marble Falls, 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 amphitheater is a vital part of our community and it offers opportunities to gather that would not otherwise be available.



Karen Lugo, 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 LifeAustin Amphitheater is a blessing to Austin, and the surrounding community. My hope, and prayer, is that the neighborhood will embrace LifeAustin and the Amphitheatre, as much as LifeAustin has embraced our neighbors.

Gary McLearen, Orlando, FL

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I support LifeAustin Amphitheatre

Allyson Rodriguez, Kyle, TX

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My wife and I attend this church. We are part of the Dream Teams and serve to help others be transformed in Christ. God uses many different avenues to change a persons life in order to make his or her life more hopeful, more joyous, to love others better etc. The amphitheater is able to bring people together through the arts and to share in one another's life issues to find the support each one of us needs.



Scott Mitzel, Austin, TX

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Ryan Boswell, Austin, TX

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This Amphitheatre is considered an outside Sanctuary and is an integral part of the church services. The events their are no different than "The Backyard" in Bee Cave which is even closer to residential areas and there have been no complaints.



Joseph Feste, 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 pray that God's wisdom radiates to Austin's local government and he protects our new outdoor praise & worship center!



carlos myers, McAllen, TX

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The last event I attended at Life Austin's amphitheater I listened to Tim Teebow speak among others. I pray that God protects our venue!



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member of life Austin

Amphitheater is Christian way of praying/worship



janet mijares, austin, TX

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I'm a member of Life Austin church and have been blessed by Christian concerts held at the Life Austin amphitheatre. I'm also excited to volunteer with Compassion International at an upcoming event being held at the amphitheatre to help children in need around the world through child sponsorship.



Sharon Bryan, Austin, TX

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I'm signing because the amphitheater is an amazing facility where everyone can gather to worship.



Barbara Adams, Austin, TX

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



Meredith Knight, Austin, TX

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These services at this venue have impacted my life and family



William Ball, Del Valle, TX

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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

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



Ben Warren, Austin, TX

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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

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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

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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

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



Charles Claiborne, Austin, TX

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



Pauly Littrell, Austin, TX

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The Amp assists in spreading the Gospel!

★ Michael Littrell, Buda, TX

2 weeks ago

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I'm signing because I want to see this facility used by all the Austin arts community.

★ John Carson, Austin, TX

2 weeks ago

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★ This Amphitheater has been a great addition to the ministry of our Church, bringing people together in Worship.

Paul Daniels, Austin, TX

2 weeks ago

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Because it is a blessing to the community and the city♥□

Tammy Boysen, Austin, TX

2 weeks ago

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It is my understanding that permits were properly obtained/issued for construction and use of this amphitheater originally; With regular Church based Praise & Worship events & activities occurring there currently/recently (per deign, function, and within timing guidelines), I fail to understand why now obstructionist, protest, and resistance is occurring? I obviously support the intentions and use of this venue for continued Church related Praise & Worship activities and events.

Mike Tibbets, Austin, TX

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I'm signing because it matters. I strongly support the continued use of this forum.



Shelia Taylor, Austin, TX

2 weeks ago

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I have been so blessed by the concerts held at the LifeAustin ampitheatre, and believe it to be an important venue to bring spiritual transformation to Austin!



Dana Skillman, Austin, TX

2 weeks ago

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I feel Life Austin has tried very hard to be a good neighbor in our community. We have installed jogging trails and opened them up to all in the community. We put in a dog park and all our neighbors are allowed to use it. We laid out and built a frisbee golf course and again all our neighbors are allowed to use it.

Our amphitheater is another venue which serves the community. We have Christian music concerts and other church related events. We plan to have the venue available for different recitals for schools in the community.

It is too bad a vocal few oppose this venue which is an asset to the Oak Hill community.



Pame Smith, Austin, TX

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Patty Escriu



Patricia Escriu, Austin, TX

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I'm signing because this amphitheater is part of a vision to uplift God's kingdom. It enhances God's word through music. I know when I came to LifeAustin the churches vision to build an Amphitheater had me in sheer amazement. Now that it's a reality. I have enjoyed the different venues we've been blessed with. It would be a shame for this amphitheater to no longer be available to bless others.



Derrick Townsend, Austin, TX

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The LifeAustin Amphitheatre is a family friendly venue that is open and welcoming to the community. Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to worship, enjoy healthy entertainment, and serve/volunteer, while simultaneously meeting and enjoying the company of several others from LifeAustin and beyond. As an educator, it breaks my heart to know that something that was intended for the good of individuals, family, and community has been and continues to be met with opposition.



Roberta Turnipseed, Austin, TX

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The Life Austin amphitheater is a beautiful place of worship, where many come together to praise God.

★ Natalie Villanueva, Austin, TX
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I have experience a great beautiul connection with the holy spirit during their praise and worship services. This is a holy uplifting place were christians can come together and praise and lift up our father.

★ Amanda Cardona, Austin tx, TX
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I believe the amphitheatre is an important part of the ministry that reaches out to so many.

✱ John Miller, Austin, TX

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This is such a refreshing approach to worship. The venue is more intimate so it gives me the chance to meet people I might not otherwise see. The family and neighbors we have invited to come with us have all thoroughly enjoyed the Amphitheater and appreciated its value to the community.

✱ Judi George, Dripping Springs, TX

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Life Austin is such a loving, giving church and the Amphitheatre provides a wonderful stage to demonstrate that.



Karen McCoy, Austin, TX

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Austin is the "Music Capital of the World" then why shouldn't we, LifeAustin, be able to have the same opportunity as other music venues in town. Our music is uplifting and positive and needed to today!



Karen Meeks, Austin, TX

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The LifeAustin Amphitheatre's calling remains consistent with the principal use of religious assembly. The arts and in particular faith based music continue to be a powerful tool used by God in my life transforming me into a more loving and caring person and citizen of our unique community.

 **Bob Shepard, Austin, TX**

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This amphitheater was specifically designed to have a minimal noise impact to the community area and is not hurting anyone. I live in the area.

 **Daniel Reeves, Austin, 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

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I'm signing because Life Austin is a great church that is reaching a large number of people in this city and transforming thier lives in a wonderful way. the amphitheater is used 100% in a religous manner to support this cause and to deny it's use in doing such would be an incredible sin. Thanks

✱ Sykes George, Austin, TX

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I support Life Austin amphitheater

 **Lisa Montanio, Austin, TX**

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The amphitheater is a place for us to worship and for people to express their God given talents. It should not be hindered!



Barbara Barlow, Leander, TX

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Important ministry that serves the community



Paula Segura, Austin, TX

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Because this venue was built above the specs that the city approved with money donated by the people who shared this vision. The city has no right to now comeback and reverse its decision now that it is already built.

★ Jay Corenblith, Spicewood, TX
2 weeks ago
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This venue is incredible! It is a place that unites people from all walks of life, all social economic statuses, and demographics for the purpose of sharing the love and peace of God with all. Just because my worship is demonstrative and expressive does not negate the fact that it is worship.

★ Terry Bell, Austin, TX
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I love Jesus and Life Austin is my church.
In order to get the TRUTH out there is a City this size you need a venue!!!!



Deborah Kruse, Austin, TX

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I'm signing because I believe that the Life Austin Ampitheater is beneficial for building community in Austin.



Janet and Rick Pyne, Austin, TX

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The amphitheater is an essential and performing act of worship to God Almighty. The God of all creation and the source of all truth.



jesse saucedo, Austin, TX

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Because I have been to a couple of Awesome concerts there recently & was so Blessed. Phillips Craig & Dean & Larry Gatlin & Brothers A.Fabulous facility & a great addition to SW Austin



Jane Diane Mullett, Austin, TX

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Love LifeAustin



Allison Anders, Houston, TX

2 weeks ago

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We love the ministry that the church offers through this venue.



Cheryl Newcomer, Austin, TX

2 weeks ago

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I agree that this space is being used for worship in different forms and has already been proven a success and at the same time thoughtful of the neighborhood

★ **Debbie Boettner**, Austin, TX
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I love and support this church no matter where is am.

★ **marc spinder**, Naperville, IL
2 weeks 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.

My family is part of Life Austin, and I was too when I lived in Texas.

★ **Leah Malcolm**, Naperville, IL
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The amphitheatre is a very important part of LifeAustin's approach, we don't just sit and listen...we are active participants in worship. Praise and worship has many facets. What touches my heart may not touch yours but it could allow you to look at things just a little differently. The Amp broadens the horizon of the community which is LifeAustin.



Denyce E Deadrick, Austin, TX

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I believe that Austin is the music capital of Texas. Music shouldn't be held from the public based on the type of music that's being performed.



Juan Bastida, Austin, TX

2 weeks ago

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This is a beautiful venue that's being used to glorify our God and Saviour. It is a wonderful way to draw people to an awareness of God's love for us. While I don't live in Austin, I consider Life Austin my church away from home



Joan Amoriello, El Paso, TX

2 weeks 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.

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

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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 the mission of Life Austin Church and live music in Austin



Kip Nanninga, Cedar Park, TX

2 weeks 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 care!



Bryan King, Del Valle, TX

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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

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

 **Cynthia Keith, Kyle, TX**

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 I believe in the Kingdom of God!

★ **Melissa Rodriguez**, Austin, TX
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Great venue for entertainment, adds value to Austin.

★ **YVONNE ESPARZA**, 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 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
2 weeks ago
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I believe



Caleb Waller, Driftwood, TX

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



Angie Ray, Austin, TX

2 weeks ago

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Heldenfels, Leane

From: Juergen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Heldenfels, Leane; Juergen
Subject: RE: Case #: C15-2015-0147; address: Life Austin, 8901 SH 71 West
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Heldenfels,
thanks a lot for your help. Me and my wife wanted to attend the meeting on Wednesday, however we have to be out of town that day and cannot attend therefore.
I wish the board will consider our inputs very seriously, and overturn the decision for operating an outdoor amphi theatre. Just last night again they had a concert over there, and the music could be heard very far away. Even in our place, we were able to hear the songs they were playing!

Best regards,
Juergen & Maria Lutz

From: Leane.Heldenfels@austintexas.gov
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Case #: C15-2015-0147; address: Life Austin, 8901 SH 71 West
Date: Tue, 10 Nov 2015 15:50:19 +0000

Thanks for sending in your comments. I will include them in the Board's 12/9 Special Called Meeting packet with the other case material and other responses received.
Take care,
Leane Heldenfels
Board of Adjustment Liaison

From: Juergen [mailto:[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

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.

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Carol Ramberg <gramberg@austintx.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 5:10 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Cc: Carol Ramberg
Subject: C15-2015-0147
[REDACTED]

To the Board of Adjustment:

I am writing to address concerns in reference to case number C15-2015-0147

I am a long time resident of Covered Bridge and my husband and I have been involved in many, many meetings during the past with Promised Land, now LifeAustin.

We ask that you grant the appeals filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and Covered Bridge POA and to direct the staff to forward the Temporary Use Permit appeal filed by Hill Country Estates HOA and the Covered Bridge POA.

We are in objection to the outdoor amphitheater noise levels that that disturb the quality of life of residents who live in this rural residential zoned community.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Carol Ramberg
8716 Samuel Bishop Dr
Austin TX 78736

Heldenfels, Leane

From: cgrossman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Life Austin C15-2015-0147
[REDACTED]

Leane,

My name is Cheryl W Grossman and for nearly forty years I have lived in one of the neighborhoods near the Life Austin Church campus (8901 SH 71 West, 78736). This area of West Oak Hill is zoned rural residential. I am completely baffled as to how what is essentially a commercial outdoor concert venue got approval from City Neighborhood Planning and Zoning...apparently done without public hearings/notifications and under the guise of religious assembly. We are established neighborhoods in which amplified, live outdoor performances are incompatible on every level.

At a meeting several years ago, after construction was already underway, church leaders met with neighbors at a meeting hosted by Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods. Despite assuring the gathered neighbors that the church intended to monitor the sound with care and to address traffic concerns on Highway 71 West, the church has delivered a very different reality. Neighborhoods closest to the church have been negatively impacted by unwanted amplified performance and traffic has been negatively impeded. Neighborhoods not contiguous to the church have also been disturbed by the noise. My neighborhood, as a member of OHAN, has voted in favor of the multiple resolutions supporting Hill County Estates HOA and Covered Bridge POA.

Despite assurances that the amphitheater would be used on a limited basis for religious assembly, here is the reality in a recent mailing: Life **Austin Amphitheater** has scheduled 3 performances (2 music, 1 dance) this month. And yes, in the most recent mailing Life **Austin Amphitheater** is exactly how this concert venue is being marketed. How does this fit with religious assembly? The church has essentially deprived neighbors of the full use of their own property in order to stage concerts. Those of us who live in this rural residential neighborhood do not want to see this usurpation set a precedent.

I support the appeals filed by Hill County Estates HOA and Covered Bridge POA as well forwarding the appeal to the Board of Adjustment.

Thanks,
Cheryl W Grossman
9600 Wier Loop Road.
Austin, Texas 78736

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Larry Akers ~~larry.akers@austintx.com~~
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: Board of Adjustment case C15-2015-0147 -- LifeAustin

One cannot have lived in Austin without seeing that large outdoor events are highly controversial and impactful of surrounding areas. The cases and accounts of problems are too numerous to mention. As a long-time resident of the Zilker and Barton Hills neighborhoods, I have long experienced the disruption of mobility and loss of privacy and quiet enjoyment of the home that these events bring.

Allowing to stand an administrative approval that supports the conduct of large outdoor events without conditional or temporary use permits would be a horrible decision and set a precedent that could impact any residential neighborhood anywhere in the City.

Please do not allow the administrative approval to stand.

Larry Akers
2311 Ridgeview

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Sent with Postbox

C15-2015-0147

Heldenfels, Leane

From: Linda Bailey ~~linda.bailey123@gmail.com~~
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 9:10 AM
To: Heldenfels, Leane
Subject: LIFEAUSTIN OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER

Hello Leane,

Please DO NOT approve zoning for LifeAustin Amphitheater. It will be a huge disruption to the neighborhood - uncontrolled traffic, uncontrolled noise and against the zoning people expected when they purchased home across the valley.

I've been to the adjacent neighborhoods and would not want to raise a family there with the proposed changes.

thank you,

Linda Bailey