

City of Austin Economic Development Proposal with Merck

Submission Date	Public Opinion	Email Provided
4/3/2017	Very excited about the opportunity Merck presents to help diversify our local economy. I would like to see companies that come here commit to some level of support to a local trust or fund toward music/art/local business. I believe that works for who we want to be, as well as who we want to be perceived as by others.	brian.boitmann@gmail.com
4/4/2017	Coming from Indianapolis, I have seen firsthand the positive impact of the pharmaceutical technology can have on a city. It has the potential to raise the quality of healthcare for everyone in Austin and will have profound long-term benefits. I fully and wholeheartedly support this proposal.	jonbrewer0217@gmail.com
4/4/2017	Merck is such a corrupt company I would NOT want to work for them.	Anonymous
4/6/2017	Finally a proposal to provide employment within the Central business/government district rather than 183 North, IH35 North and the equivalent corridors from the South including Hwys 290w and 71e jamming up these roadways. Now WORK with the downtown Apartment/Condo owners to entice this Merck employees to live in the Downtown area where they can bike to work. Henry Naizer	hlnaizer@swbell.net
4/6/2017	I am thankful we live in a city that attracts jobs! More jobs the better.	dcbrickley@gmail.com
4/8/2017	Fully supportive. Great jobs for our community and an anchor tenant for the Innovation Zone. Absolute win for Austin.	JHinATX@gmail.com
4/10/2017	I'm in favor of Merck opening its fourth technology hub in Austin! Lucy Enniss	lucy.enniss@gmail.com
4/10/2017	No incentives for Merck Please. They spent 6.5 million in 2016 for lobbying. As for helping the city, I consider "big pharma" a negative. Why not get that Adult Autism center a tax break? Thanks for your hard work staff and Council members. Regards, City property tax payer.	bradeddins@hotmail.com
4/11/2017	Merck is bringing a PERFECT score on the rating that the city uses to evaluate such opportunities. No company has ever had a perfect score. The benefits are enormous. 600 jobs growing to 1000+. Imagine the property tax revenue and sales tax revenue this will inject into Austin offsetting the \$85k by a factor so large I can't calculate it. Plus all the commitments they have made to support in many ways for city objectives. For all of these reasons, I support bringing Merck to Austin and offering incentives.	deedee7.wilson@gmail.com

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