

**Please Support the Following Hotel Occupancy Tax Use
Recommendations**

to the Austin City Council

(Per the VITF charge in Resolution No. 20160818-075)

1. Create a new "Parks & Historic Preservation Tourism Fund" to repair and improve qualifying city park and historic assets
2. Continue to fully fund the Tourism/Promotion Fund (for the ACVB)
3. Remove the Heritage Grant Program from the ACVB fund and transfer it to the new Parks & Historic Preservation Tourism Fund
4. Continue to fully fund the Cultural Arts Fund

**We believe the City of Austin can do all of the above and maintain
the financial capacity to expand the Convention Center.**

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Ms. Joanna Wolaver
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Dear Joanna,

Re: Use of HOT Funds for Historic Preservation

Thank you for attending the Preservation Committee on April 5th. We appreciate that the coalition of environmental and park organizations are interested in working with Preservation Austin to encourage better and broader utilization of the Hotel Occupancy Tax. Preservation Austin supports the coalition's recommendations. We're glad to join this coalition of diverse groups to help achieve the goals of protecting and promoting the historic and cultural assets of Austin.

Again, we appreciate that you have reached out to us on this important funding source. If we are successful in this process, we can all work together on developing a comprehensive grant program, as has been previously discussed, that will make these funds available to the many worthy projects supported by our organizations.

Sincerely,

President, Preservation Austin