

**Austin Geriatric Center, Inc.**  
**d/b/a Rebekah Baines Johnson Center**  
21 Waller Street  
Austin, Texas 78702

October 2, 2017

Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee  
Parks & Recreation Board  
City of Austin, Texas  
Via email to Gregory.Montes@austintexas.gov

Re: Support for the Memorandum of Understanding between ATD and PARD

Dear Members of the Committee and Board,

I write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Board of Austin Geriatric Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that owns the 17 acres comprising the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center ("RBJ"). I would like to express my avid support in favor of the Memorandum of Understanding #17-001 between ATD and PARD that is before your body for consideration.

This MOU provides many community benefits: improvements to parkland and increased greenspace; new sidewalks and ADA pedestrian ramps which increase mobility and access to parkland; and, by way of public right-of-way dedications, enables the RBJ Center to fulfill its mission to provide 500 affordable senior residences.

We thank you for your consideration of this MOU.

Sincerely,



Clarke Heidrick

Board Chair of Austin Geriatric Center, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity  
The Rebekah Baines Johnson Center, 21 Waller Street, 78702

cc: Board of Directors, Austin Geriatric Center  
Councilmember Pio Renteria  
Sara Hensley, Acting Assistant City Manager  
Rob Spillar, Director, Austin Transportation Department  
Kimberly McNeeley, Acting Director, Parks & Recreation Department