



AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY FOOD POLICY BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation Number: 20180409-5ii

Resolution in Recognition of Marla Camp

WHEREAS, in the past decade, Austin has achieved national and international recognition for its food scene focusing on locally and sustainably produced food; and

WHEREAS, a strong local food system has economic benefits for all aspects of the food supply chain, including farmers, ranchers, food artisans, restaurants, distributors and schools; and

WHEREAS, locally produced, sustainably grown food benefits the environment by preserving open spaces, conserving water resources, encouraging plant and animal biodiversity, and improving air quality; and

WHEREAS, as publisher of edible Austin, since 2007 Marla Camp published 55 issues of this magazine that both celebrated and changed the very culture of local food in Austin and the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, edible Austin's commitment to local food has been demonstrated by awarding \$400,000 in cash contributions over the past 10 years to local food charities and the inception of Eat Local Week; and

WHEREAS, Marla Camp recognized the need for governmental leadership on local food and was instrumental in Austin City Council creating the Sustainable Food Policy Board in 2009, now known as the Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, Marla Camp was the Food Policy Board's inaugural chairperson and served on the board for a decade; and

WHEREAS, Marla Camp advised countless nonprofits, organizations and community leaders on sustainability, water conservation in Central Texas, humane and ethical treatment of farm animals, the unique challenges faced by our local farmers, and the importance of eating in season; and

WHEREAS, Marla Camp was a stalwart supporter of local farmers' markets and could be found at most markets nearly every weekend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board encourages the Austin City Council to formally recognize Marla Camp for her vision and leadership in establishing Austin's nationally and internationally recognized local food movement.

Date of Approval: April 9th, 2018

Record of the vote: 7 in favor, none opposed

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwina Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

City of Austin, Office of Sustainability, Food Policy Manager/ ATCFPB Staff Liaison