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May 16, 2018

City of Austin
City Council
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-1088

Re: Amendment of Sobriety Center Articles of Incorporation
and By-Laws

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

On May 9, 2018 the Board of the Austin Travis County Sobriety Center LGC (also known as the Sobering Center) voted to request a formal resolution to amend the Articles of Incorporation and By Laws. The purpose of the amendment is to broaden the requirements for admission to include individuals intoxicated by more than just alcohol alone. We believe it is better to utilize the definition of intoxication in the Texas Penal Code and Medical Code: "Intoxicated" means not having the normal use of mental or physical faculties by reason of the introduction of alcohol, a controlled substance, a drug, a dangerous drug, a combination of two or more of those substances, or any other substance into the body.

Currently the Articles of Incorporation state the following:

ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES, ACTIVITIES

The Corporation shall be incorporated to aid and to act on behalf of the City and the County to accomplish their governmental purpose; namely to staff, manage, and operate a sobriety center for the safe short-term treatment and management of **persons under the influence of alcohol**, and to provide those persons with information on and referrals to community-based outpatient services for the purposes of preservation of law enforcement, judicial, and medical resources in the jurisdictional limits of the City and County.

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We propose the text be changed to read as follows:

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Additionally, the By-Laws state the following:

Section 1.3 Purposes.

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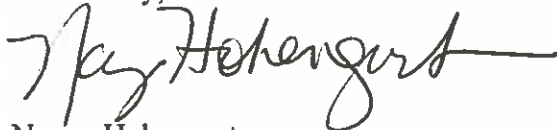
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We request that these changes be considered as soon as possible as we anticipate the Sobering Center will open by the end of summer.

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Yours truly,



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