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City of Austin Planning Commission
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To the City of Austin Planning Commission:

On behalf of the Friends of the Dougherty Arts Center (FODAC), I am writing to enter into the record FODAC's full support for the proposed Dougherty Arts Center redevelopment site at Butler Shores Park (Agenda Item D-2, April 9, 2019 Planning Commission meeting).

Since verbal comment will not be permitted at tomorrow's (4/9) meeting, (due to agenda item D2 being considered a briefing), the Friends of the Dougherty Arts Center wants to ensure the Planning Commission hears and considers our enthusiastic support for the redevelopment of the Dougherty Arts Center at Butler Shores Park.

The rebuilding of the Dougherty Arts Center has been a years-long goal of the City of Austin. To that end, numerous City Bond initiatives have passed – and multiple planning and community engagement processes have occurred over the past decade in support of rebuilding the beloved (yet aged) Dougherty Arts Center.

The Friends of the Dougherty Arts Center has been working in close partnership with the City of Austin for many years to ensure the Dougherty Arts Center – which is in desperate need of rebuilding – be redeveloped in a way which retains its community-oriented focus and importance as one of Austin's most cherished

and affordable/accessible community arts centers. We are pleased to see this project moving forward – and the Friends of the Dougherty Arts Center group stands ready to assist the City in the site redevelopment process.

In summary, the Friends of the Dougherty Arts Center membership respectfully offers its full support of the Dougherty Arts Center’s site redevelopment at Butler Shores Park.

Thank you in advance for the Planning Commission’s consideration of FODAC’s comments in support of the Dougherty Arts Center.

Sincerely,

Lucky Lemieux

President, Friends of the Dougherty Arts Center