

Item 17

HOT/Convention Center Ballot Language

Shall an ordinance be adopted that limits, beyond existing limits in state statute and city ordinance, the use of Austin's Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue, including

[a) a cap on **OR**

b) [nothing]

the amount of Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue that may be used to construct, operate, maintain, or promote the Austin Convention Center and potential future Chapter 334 Local Government Code sports and community venues;

[a) requires that any remaining Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue be spent on Austin's cultural tourism industry; **OR**

b) requires that any remaining Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue be spent on Austin tourism; **OR**

c) [nothing];

requires any private third-party entity managing such funds to comply with open meeting and public information laws applicable to the City; and requires voter approval for Convention Center improvements or expansions of more than \$20,000,000 at an election for which the City must pay.

Petitioners' language for HOT/Convention Center petition:

A PETITIONED ORDINANCE PRIORITIZING THE USE OF AUSTIN'S HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE FOR THE PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF LOCAL CULTURAL, HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL TOURISM; REQUIRING VOTER APPROVAL AND PUBLIC OVERSIGHT FOR SIGNIFICANT EXPANSIONS OF THE AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER; AND ESTABLISHING OTHER LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE