



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 202000805-003b**

**Date:** August 5, 2020

**Subject:** Recommendation to Name Tributary in Battle Bend Park

**Motion by:** Kevin Ramberg

**Seconded by:** Wendy Gordon

**RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, Nicholas “Nick” Down was born on June 5, 1992 in Houston, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, while earning his bachelor’s degree at Texas State University, Nick served on the Bobcat Build Student Planning Committee, enthusiastically and effectively helping organize one of the largest, one-day community service projects in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS** upon graduation, Nick joined the City of Austin’s Watershed Protection Department in May 2014, drawn by his great love of our natural environment and passion for public service; and

**WHEREAS** Nick has put his irrepressible energy and talent into his work by creating maps and analyses used to understand and protect Austin's environmental and water resources, including our streams, trees, and open spaces; and

**WHEREAS** one of Nick’s most memorable contributions was to the beautiful City of Creeks poster beloved by Watershed staff and shared widely with the public; and

**WHEREAS** Nick and his wife Stephanie lived near Battle Bend Park and visited the park with their dog Otis, being attracted by their love of the outdoors; and

**WHEREAS** the Watershed Protection Department completed a project in 2020 to daylight and restore a small, unnamed tributary in Battle Bend Park, which helped restore natural health and beauty to this community gem;

**Therefore, the Environmental Commission recommends** the newly-daylighted and previously unnamed tributary of Williamson Creek within Battle Bend Park will be known as “Down Stream” in commemoration of the lifework of Nick Down to the betterment of Austin.

**VOTE 10-0**

For: Bedford, Smith, Thompson, Nill, Neely, Coyne, Maceo, Ramberg, Guerrero, and Gordon

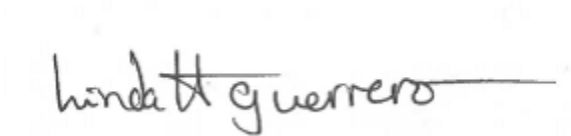
Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Creel

Approved By:

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Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair