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Hello ICRC Members:

Please see email and attachment from Stefan Haag.

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Hi Matt,

Since I won't be able to speak to the commissioners in person, I've attached a letter for consideration by the commissioners. Thanks.

Stefan

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Austin ICRC, Item 2B, May 21 Meeting

May 19, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

I want to commend you for agreeing to be a member of this important commission. As a member of the first ICRC and a co-author of *Roadmap to Citizen Redistricting: Four Austin Commissioners Point the Way*, I know how much time and energy is required to complete the task of drawing ten single-member districts for Austin. The Austin City Charter is clear in its priority of characteristics to be achieved in drawing the districts. The Charter also identifies the characteristics to be sought in members of the ICRC.

Among the provisions of the Charter is the requirement that commission members ensure that all of the current council districts are represented on the commission by residents of each of the districts. Since the effort to create single-member council districts for Austin was motivated by the desire to achieve geographic representation on the council, representation of each council district by a resident of the district on the ICRC is paramount.

Currently, there is no member of the ICRC who resides in Council District 8. A member of the ICRC who lived in Council District 8 when he applied for the Council now lives, according to his voter registration data, in Council District 3.

The ICRC has an opportunity to include a resident of Council District 8 by selecting one of the five most qualified applicants who resides in the district as the final member of the Commission. Listed in alphabetical order, those five applicants are Joshua Blank, Daniel Chupe-O'Hanlon, Jesse Plaza, Darius Terrell, and Thomas Thayer.

I appreciate your consideration of my request that the final member of the ICRC be a resident of Council District 8.

Respectfully,



Stefan D. Haag

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