



Re: Brackenridge Tract: Protect Our Remaining Natural Land

From [REDACTED]
Date Tue 10/20/2026 1:31 PM
To Corona, Nicole <Nicole.Corona@austintexas.gov>

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Hi Nicole,

Thanks for following up and passing my comments along. I'd like to speak at tomorrow's meeting, but unfortunately I have to work.

It's incredibly frustrating how this process functions. Why not simply **inform residents** about these massive development proposals and then **poll the public** to see **what people actually want**? I suspect it's because the results might make it much harder to push through all this rezoning...

Instead, decisions that will shape Austin for generations move forward while most residents barely know what's happening, much less have time to participate. Please include my comments in the public record.

I appreciate your help, but I really question whether this process reflects what the people of Austin actually want.

Best,
Adam

On Tue, Oct 20, 2026 at 1:21 PM Corona, Nicole <Nicole.Corona@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Hi Adam,

The meeting starts at 6 p.m. There is an option to speak via teleconference. Would you like to sign up for that? I would need your phone number and can send you the information to dial in.

Kind Regards,



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Hi Nicole,

Thanks for the follow-up and for passing my comments along. I'd like to speak at the meeting tomorrow, but I have to work. It very frustrating how this process functions.

Best,
Adam

On Tue, Oct 20, 2026 at 11:57 AM Corona, Nicole <Nicole.Corona@austintexas.gov> wrote:
Hi Adam,

Thank you for reaching out. I forwarded your comments to the Environmental Commission. If you would like to speak on the item at their meeting tomorrow, please let me know.

Kind Regards,



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Hello,

I am deeply concerned about the proposed Brackenridge Development Agreement and the potential loss of some of Austin's last substantial riverfront woodlands.

Preserving Lions Municipal Golf Course should not come at the expense of Brackenridge Field Laboratory or the surrounding natural habitat. **I support zero additional development on the remaining undeveloped natural land.**

Before any agreement advances, I want answers to several questions:

1. Why hasn't the City pursued permanent conservation easements protecting the entire field laboratory and remaining natural areas?
2. Where is the independent, comprehensive environmental impact assessment examining biodiversity, wildlife corridors, mature tree canopy, steep slopes, soil disturbance, erosion, stormwater runoff, and water quality in Lady Bird Lake?
3. How can the City consider allowing 75% impervious cover before establishing the ecological consequences and cumulative watershed impacts?
4. Why are critical environmental features and their required buffers being evaluated *after* development parameters have already been negotiated?
5. What alternatives have been evaluated that would protect all remaining natural habitat without granting additional development rights?

I urge the City to postpone approval until these questions are publicly answered and permanent protections for the remaining natural land are established.

Austin cannot continue sacrificing irreplaceable ecosystems simply because the land is privately developable or institutionally owned.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Adam Epstein

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