Austin

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, LMSW, Assistant City Manager

From: Jesús Aguirre, MBA, CPRE, Austin Parks and Recreation Director

Date: October 21, 2026

Subject: **Rezoning of John Treviño Jr. Metropolitan Park – Staff Response (Resolution No. 20250130-077)**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a final response to Resolution No. 20250130-077, which directed the City Manager to rezone 330 acres of city-owned property known as John Treviño Jr. Metropolitan Park and to develop a multi-year process for rezoning parkland citywide.

John Treviño Jr. Metropolitan Park was rezoned for parks and recreation services use on July 24, 2025, fulfilling the first component of the resolution.

In response to the directive to develop a multi-year citywide rezoning process, Austin Parks and Recreation staff reviewed potential approaches and, after further consideration, staff determined it would not be efficient or financially feasible. Such an effort would require extensive staff resources across multiple departments, and significant notification costs that exceed current capacity.

Austin Parks and Recreation's current and intended practice is to rezone park properties only when a change in zoning is necessary to support a specific development or redevelopment project. As improvements move forward on parkland that is not zoned Public (P), staff would prepare and bring forward individual rezoning cases for City Council consideration. This approach ensures resources are focused on parks with an identified need.

Many existing zoning categories already allow ongoing and planned park operations, and as a result, a citywide rezoning effort is not necessary. Proceeding with rezoning only when operationally or legally required remains the most efficient and cost-effective use of City resources. Staff will continue monitoring park development needs and will bring forward individual rezoning cases to the City Council as needed. This response serves as the close-out to Resolution No. 20250130-077.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ricardo Soliz, Park Planning Division Manager of Austin Parks and Recreation at Ricardo.Soliz@austintexas.gov.

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