

HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hancock Neighborhood Association at its meeting on _____, 2018, approved the following resolution and determined that it should be submitted to the Mayor and City Council of Austin in connection with their considerations about using parkland for private purposes, including a MLS soccer stadium:

WHEREAS, the Hancock Neighborhood Association finds that Austin Parks System is vitally important to the quality of life of the citizens of Austin and to their physical and mental health. These green spaces represent the environmental and recreational heritage bequeathed to our city and should be passed on to future generations in as good or better condition as when we collectively inherited them. It is necessary to acquire new parks for our growing population in advance of growth and we must take good care of what we have.

Austin's parkland and open green space is precious and limited. It should be preserved for the health and enjoyment of Austin's citizens, current and future.

Hancock is especially aware of the real threats to all Austin parklands as our Hancock Golf Course has previously been the target of an effort to alienate the parkland for a private housing development. Using parkland for an MLS stadium will place ALL Austin parks at risk.

Our community's boasts of environmental sensitivity will become hollow if parkland purchased with public money is diverted to other uses.

THEREFORE, we strongly urge the Mayor and the Austin City Council to refuse to authorize the use any Austin parkland for an MLS soccer stadium or any other non-park use.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Chairperson

Hancock Neighborhood Association