

January 28, 2019

Commissioners Court  
401 Jackson Street  
Richmond, Texas

Re: Commissioner's Court Meeting on Legislative Agenda

I am here to ask you to vote NO on any legislative items that affect Houston's ETJ or SPAs. I have been a resident of Ft. Bend County for over 30 years. Also, I am an elected board director for Cinco MUD 12. I have been on the board for over 20 years, so I have seen the district before the SPA agreement was in place and after it was established. Being an elected official, I am directly invested in all of the Cinco community and take my fiduciary responsibility for the MUD seriously. Cinco MUD 12 uses the money the Strategic Partnership Agreement generates by investing it back into our community. We have completed numerous area projects including such things as sidewalk completion and repair, donations for Harvey recovery efforts, improvements to parks, public safety and security, totaling over 1.75 million dollars. We are careful to make sure the community is benefiting from items that are brought to us for consideration. Commissioner Meyers has approached us to work with his office on the feeder road expansion he is working on between Cinco and Westheimer Parkway. We have expressed interest in helping with the project as they gain more details on what will be needed ongoing.

My concerns going forward with the legislation are as follows:

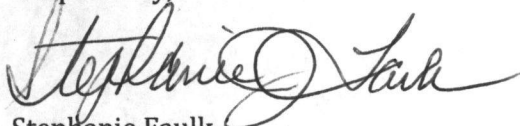
If we petition for detachment from the ETJ (City of Houston Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction) and we are annexed by any city our taxes will increase substantially to what we are paying currently. We will not be receiving anything from this change. How will the 30 year agreement be affected that we have with Houston? What will be the repercussions? Will litigation tie the money up and no one will be able to use the funds until this is settled?

These changes will cause more regulations.

The SPA funds have benefited the community directly, since it has been established. If these funds are given to Ft. Bend then we will have no control over the funds being used in the area for the community that has actually contributed to the account. Our community would like to see the monies going directly back to the area that the residents live in and not to projects that do not benefit them at all.

The Commissioners Court needs to be given all the facts and information in order to vote for these issues. Also, the public needs to know all the details going forward. We felt you needed to hear both sides of these issues. I am submitting my letter, as well as, other Cinco MUD 12 member's comments and a Cinco resident to the Commissioner's Court.

Respectfully,



Stephanie Faulk  
President Cinco MUD 12

William Cary

23219 Enchanted Landing Ln

Katy, Texas 77494

January 28, 2019

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Richmond, Texas

Re: Commissioners Court Meeting on Legislative Agenda

As a 22 year resident of Cinco Ranch in Fort Bend County, and a duly elected member of MUD 12 within Cinco Ranch, I want to state my OPPOSITION to the concept of getting out of the Houston ETJ and your proposed legislative agenda that would support such separation.

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While it is apparent that the funds raised from this SPA or others within the Houston ETJ are largely directed toward Houston, local residents do benefit from road and other improvements that they do, since many in this area work in the Houston metro area.

The proposed move to get out of the greater Houston ETJ fails to identify how this could actually go forward, given the existing SPA contracts. There will be challenges from Houston and the other signatories to the various SPA's to protect the existing contracts and revenues generated, questions regarding what actually happens to the area going forward if the ETJ is terminated, and lack of any assurity that getting out of the Houston ETJ would actually keep funds in our immediate area. This uncertainty and conflicts of interest will keep this issue tied up for an extended period.

Quite frankly, as a MUD 12 Board member, I will not support breaking our SPA contract with Houston if it puts any risk on our funds generated by the the SPA and our control over them.

In summary, I am opposed to getting out of the ETJ, and the proposed legislative agenda you will be voting on today.

Sincerely

William Cary

2922 Cambry Crossing Court  
Katy, Texas 77494  
January 28, 2019

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As a resident of Cinco Ranch in Fort Bend County, and a duly elected Vice President of MUD 12 within Cinco Ranch, I want to state my OPPOSITION to the concept of getting out of the Houston ETJ and your proposed legislative agenda that would support such separation.

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In summary, I am opposed to getting out of the ETJ, and the proposed legislative agenda you will be voting on January 29, 2019.

Sincerely,



Dana Cleland

MUD 12 Vice President within Cinco Ranch 1

January 29, 2019

2910 Cambry Crossing Ct.  
Katy, TX 77494

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Richmond, TX

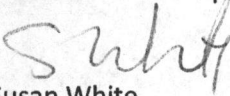
The purpose of this letter is to inform all involved of my neighbors' and my vehement opposition to the termination of the Houston ETJ that the Commissioners Court is proposing for my community.

My family has resided in Cinco Ranch for nearly 22 years. We have been active participants in most of the activities offered to our community. We are rigorously invested in the political climate on a micro and macro level; WE VOTE in all elections...

It is disappointing to learn that this court is attempting to sever a 30 year SPA contract forged between Cinco MUD 12 and the City of Houston, as the leaders of this community have been excellent stewards of the revenue realized from this relationship. Numerous projects have been completed and more are planned in creating this master planned neighborhood. We all look forward to enjoying the fruits of this legal relationship!

To be clear: my family, neighbors and I stand in FIRM opposition to breaking the MUD 12 SPA contract with the City of Houston.

This idea feels like pure and simple theft from one entity to redistribute for another's benefit.

  
Susan White



4514 Candlewood Park Lane  
Katy, Texas 77494  
January 28, 2019

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As a resident of Cinco Ranch in Fort Bend County, and a duly elected Director on Master MUD 1, Cinco Ranch. I state my OPPOSITION to getting out of the Houston ETJ; including your proposed legislative agenda that would support such separation.

The ETJ has been in effect while I served as President of the Cinco Ranch HOA. My understanding of the ETJ agreement was to keep stewardship – not to give Our Tax monies to people who did not represent the needs of Cinco Ranch. Of which you have shown -over the years - where your commitments are. MUD 12 has a proven concern and steady track record for the needs of Cinco Ranch. I am comfortable with their stewardship.

While it is apparent that funds raised from this SPA or others within the Houston ETJ are partly directed toward Houston, local residents do benefit from road and other improvements - that they do – as several in this area work in the Houston metro area.

There are impediments involved in getting out of the ETJ. That aside, there are No More Important to our residents than simply - what is any benefit inuring to our immediate area. This uncertainty and conflicts of interest will keep this issue tied up for an extended period.

In summary, I am opposed to getting out of the ETJ, and the proposed legislative agenda you will be voting on today.

Sincerely,

Michael Price  
Cinco Ranch 1, MUD 1 Director

21403 Kelliwood Greens Dr.  
Katy, Texas 77450.

January 29, 2019

To Commissioner's Court  
Fort Bend County Court House  
401 Jackson Street  
Richmond, Texas

As a 25 year resident of Fort Bend County and as the duly elected President of the Willowfork Drainage District, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed legislation to enable Ft Bend MUD's and special Districts to petition for Detachment from the City of Houston Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. I am speaking as a resident and not for the board as a whole.

I don't see any advantages for the WFDD and our residents to support this legislation. I have served on the WFDD for over 20 years and have found the existing structure to work well.

Thank you for your consideration

Regards,  
Richard Ward  
Director and President  
Willowfork Drainage District

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January 28, 2019

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere opposition to the proposed move to dissolve the current strategic sales tax agreements between many different Fort Bend County municipal utility districts (MUD)s and emergency services districts (ESDs) and the City of Houston. As a 24-year resident of Fort Bend County and a very active, elected official in the Cinco Ranch area, I have personally seen the direct positive impact these tax dollars have and continue to have on the exact communities that generate those sales tax dollars.

One of the most obvious examples of the public good done by the use of these tax dollars are the funding of superior quality fire and EMS services in the Community Volunteer Fire Department/ESD 100. This fire department that directly serves (both residential and commercial) much of Cinco Ranch, Grand Lakes, Canyon Gate, Seven Meadows, Westheimer Lakes, Cross Creek Ranch, Lakes of Bella Terra, Parkway Lakes, Lakemont, West Oaks Village, Grand Mission, Mission Bend, Crestwater, Clayton Oaks, and assists (often taking lead) other fire districts in a sizable portion of northern Fort Bend and western Harris County. Because of the additional funding these tax dollars provide, "our" fire department boasts three strategically placed fire stations that boast state-of-the-art equipment and vehicles as well as both volunteer and full-time professional firefighters and EMTs. Without the additional tax dollars generated by the current SPA agreement, much of this would not be possible.

Another great example is the sharing of the tax money collected by Cinco MUD 12 through its current SPA. These tax dollars have been used for years for funding everything from the building and/or improving a re-used water program, roads, sidewalks, parks and other public areas that directly impact the daily lives of the residents in the surrounding area to making sure that Cinco Ranch and surrounding areas have the highest quality of drinking water and sewerage treatment systems.

Since almost all of our communities are unincorporated, we must fund ourselves much of the things that make our part of Fort Bend County such a desirable place to live. If you allow the taking of the only means we have to fund these types of programs and infrastructure, you seriously undercut the constituents in this part of the county and put additional burdens on Fort Bend County's already over-stretched coffers.

Please know that the board and residents of Cinco MUD 7 and the surrounding area overwhelmingly oppose the proposed legislative agenda item to remove these tax-sharing agreements and respectfully request that you vote against that measure today.

Sincerely,

David Drake  
President, Cinco MUD 7  
[daviddrake@disa.com](mailto:daviddrake@disa.com)  
(281) 748-6398



22810 Parkwalk Lane  
Katy, Texas 77494  
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Sincerely,

Jay Kirby  
Cinco Ranch Resident

1/28/19

Dear Commissioners Court,

I have been the Parks Manager for Willow Fork Drainage District Central Green since October 14, 2013. During that time, I have seen and recorded a positive social, economic, civic, health and environmental impact on our community. The events at Central Green have also provided cultural enhancement and opened the doors of the world. Children have developed a love for reading and how to speak Spanish through our classes. Elderly and physically handicapped guest have improved their health through our Tai Chi program. People of all races and religious denominations came together as one, danced, celebrated and socialized. Lifetime friendships have been made. Non-profits and schools have been supported. Seven professional singing careers have been launched from our stage. Single mothers thanked me for providing them with entertainment and hope. Father's have teared up with gratitude for the opportunity to build communication with their kids. Many first steps have been taken on our green and we have been the platform for marriage proposals. Families with a loved one stricken with cancer have gotten to take a break, meet a few Astros players and enjoy the moment. Victims of Hurricane Harvey thanked me for providing normalcy and taking them away from the hardships of the day.

Our economic impact on the community has been astounding. Fish City Grill has reported a 75% increase in business each time we hold an event. Over 2,000 jobs per year are directly created from our events. An induced impact occurs by people working or attending our events. Guest purchase items from local merchants or stay in area hotels. Realtors bring their clients to Central Green to show a benefit of living in Katy. Trip Advisor agrees as they list Central Green as a top tourism location. According to the National Recreation and Parks Association, 8 of 10 households rate a quality park system either very important or extremely important to their quality of life.

Community involvement in neighborhood parks is associated with lower levels of crime and vandalism as well as reduces juvenile delinquency according to the National Recreation and Parks Association. Our park host guest from Katy, Houston, Cy-Fair, Dickenson, Bay Area and surrounding areas. This allows residents to build lasting ties and a protective social environment.

Our cultural events not only enhance our quality of life; but, improve education and social skills. According to the Katy ISD, the arts develop neural systems that produce a broad spectrum of benefits ranging from fine motor skills to creativity and improved emotional balance. We promote Civic participation by honoring our Veterans and those who served. Supporting our scouts, school clubs and community organizations. Central Green is a place where people go to get or stay fit. A study by Penn State shows a significant correlation to reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure and perceived physical health to the length of stays in visits to parks.

I have witnessed these findings first hand. Central Green as been called; "A Hallmark in the Community". We have won an Economic Development and a Community Partner award as well as The Inaugural Association of Water Board Directors Project Award for Landscaping, Parks and Trails. Because of the great effect Central Green has on the community, I am opposing breaking the SPA contract with Houston. Please keep funding with Cinco M.U.D. 12.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Arceneaux  
Parks Manager  
Willow Fork Drainage District Central Green



To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to express my gratitude for both my personal and business use of the Central Green in La Centerra. As a small organization, we rely on the availability and functionality of this public space for our events.

My name is Jesse Grimm and I own and operate Acton Academy Katy, a small private school offering a self-paced, peer-directed community where our learners are placed in charge of their own learning. One of our most impactful units each year is our entrepreneurship project in which our students plan and create their own small businesses. The culmination of this project is to hold a Children's Business Fair where our students are able to sell their products or services for real money!

As we have many small businesses created each year, we require a significant amount of space to host our event and be inviting to many guests. The Central Green at La Centerra has served as an absolute perfect location in years past and we look forward to using the space again this year for our Children's Business Fair. Without this space, our students would not experience the real world environment of running a business with the pressure of real customers and a lot of foot traffic.

In addition to the benefit the Central Green for my organization, as a father of four, the Central Green also serves as a wonderful place to take my children for the many events that take place there. The benefit of these events to the Katy and Fort Bend area are immense. How many other locations can you see so well organized and utilized on a weekly basis for such a variety of individuals and groups? My family has enjoyed movie nights, bands, and many other events in this space. Without it, many families, mine included, would have to look somewhere else, most likely much farther away and more expensive, than the events that take place at the Central Green.

I implore those who are making these decisions to consider the impact on the Fort Bend community of removing family friendly events from this space. Many things make the Katy area unique and enjoyable for families. One of the most important in my opinion, is Central Green at La Centerra.

Thank you,

Jesse Grimm

Owner

Acton Academy Katy

346-775-5669

jesse.g@actonkaty.com

## **ASSOCIATION OF WATER BOARD DIRECTORS – TEXAS**

### **2019 LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES 86th REGULAR SESSION**

1. AWBD supports the efficient and effective daily operation of water districts. Water districts provide essential water, wastewater and drainage utility service and other services to millions of Texans.
2. AWBD supports the conservation of the state's water resources. AWBD supports local control in implementing water conservation measures.
3. AWBD supports the development of water resources and innovative systems to treat, reuse and recycle water; including but not limited to desalination, aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), and off channel storage
4. AWBD supports the existing rules and regulations for water reuse and recycling.
5. AWBD supports statutes and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rules that allow water districts the option to use the principles of "low impact development."
6. AWBD supports the responsible oversight of water districts by the TCEQ. AWBD supports efforts to ensure that all types of water districts are subject to TCEQ rules relating to the issuance and feasibility of bonds. AWBD supports the continued oversight of all water district related functions by the TCEQ.
7. AWBD supports TCEQ user fees that are directly proportional to the costs of services to the water districts utilizing the services.
8. AWBD supports the current legal relationship between municipalities and water districts. AWBD opposes any diminution of a water district's right to be created or to operate within the jurisdiction of a municipality.
9. AWBD supports the ability of water districts and municipalities to enter into Strategic Partnership Agreements, agreements for the limited purpose annexation of land within water districts, and agreements for the sharing of sales tax revenues within limited purpose annexation areas. AWBD opposes any efforts to impair such existing agreements or to prevent such future agreements.
10. AWBD supports the current legal relationship between counties and water districts which includes the authority of counties to require within a water district (i) a connection to a centralized water and sewer system, (ii) that water, sewer, drainage and road facilities be designed and constructed to reasonable county standards, and (iii) adequate fire suppression facilities. AWBD opposes any new authority of counties to regulate water districts or the development of property in a water district.

11. AWBD opposes any effort to shift responsibility of maintenance for road or related facilities, including storm sewers located within the right of ways or within related easements dedicated to the public or a county, from counties to water districts.
12. AWBD opposes legislation that would allow nontaxable users, including independent school districts, to avoid paying water district charges and fees, including charges and fees for construction, installation, or inspection of a tap or connection to district facilities.
13. AWBD supports the financial independence of water districts. AWBD opposes any limitation on a water district's authority to (i) incur debt and levy taxes, subject to voter authorization as may be required by existing law; (ii) adopt all necessary fees or charges for water and sanitary sewer services; and (iii) provide other statutorily authorized services.
14. AWBD supports the development of parks and recreational facilities by water districts. The establishment of parks and greenbelts is an important tool to conserve the state's natural resources.
15. AWBD opposes any legislation that would reduce or limit the governmental immunity of water districts; provided, however that AWBD supports the ability of water districts and third parties, including other local governments, to contract with each other and enforce such contracts.
16. AWBD opposes any further restrictions on the number of uniform elections dates.
17. AWBD supports authority of water districts to determine locally whether to conduct their own elections to provide the best in-district voting accessibility to voters or to enter into joint election administration agreements for greater election efficiency.
18. AWBD supports a water district's right to contract for tax collections and opposes any mandate to centralize the tax collection process. AWBD opposes mandated revenue caps. AWBD supports the existing truth in taxation laws for water districts.
19. AWBD supports the development of an internet presence by water districts for the purpose of providing information to water district customers and taxpayers.

## Tai Chi at Central Green Park

From: MICHAEL MAXWELL <trinamaxwell@comcast.net>

Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 7:35 am

To: Arceneaux, Yvonne

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To Whom it may concern,

I love teaching Tai Chi Practice at Central Green Park and helping our community feel better with easy exercise.

Attendees of the Tai Chi classes are of all ages from the track team that cools down from Cinco Ranch High School to many senior citizens. I have students that are physically handicapped, experiencing anxiety, having trouble with balance, and overwhelmed with daily stress factors.

Tai Chi at Central Green Park provides our community with a safe and lovely park to practice slow moving exercise, finding balance, improving posture and calming the mind.

Suzanne, an autistic student, reported to me that her blood pressure is lower and her heart doctor is thrilled with the results the tai chi class has helped her health improve.

Connie, a student with scoliosis of the spine, said her doctor has confirmed that she has better balance and muscle strength after taking Tai Chi at Central Green Park.

Veronica has overcome extreme anxiety and now has been able to approach and carry on conversations with people due to the calming effects of participating in the classes of Tai Chi at Central Green Park.

Jean has participated taking tai chi with our class for a couple of years and appears regularly in videos and photos that are posted in the Central Green Park's Facebook page. She credits the interaction with our tai chi class for building her self confidence.

Seniors who participate in our Tai Chi class have stated that have less visits to their doctor and balance has improved.

My class helps people find stress relief and learn ability to cope with every day life as well as help with agility movement and staying active.

Please keep our community events at Central Green Park for our citizens to enjoy.

I am against moving SPA dollars away from Cinco Mud 12.

Please keep Cinco Mud 12 in charge of the SPA dollars

Sincerely,  
Trina Maxwell  
Tai Chi To You  
281-727-8227



RE: Hello

From: yvonne@willowforkparks.com  
Sent: Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 5:16 pm  
To: Nithya Hari

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Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: "Nithya Hari" <bollywooddancingstars@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 4:00pm  
To: "Yvonne Arceneaux" <yvonne@willowforkparks.com>  
Subject: Hello

Hello Yvonne,  
Hope all is well at your end.

I am writing this email to let you know that we have been receiving a lot of positive feedback about the Bollywood dance night. Lot of people have come to me and personally mentioned how much they enjoyed and got to learn a few things about the Bollywood culture. the kids especially had a lot of fun dancing on the stage. I would like to take this opportunity to Thank you and your your team at willow fork for organizing such events for the community. Please keep doing the good work.

Kind Regards

Nithya Hari

Bollywood Dancing Stars



Katy, 01/28/2019

Abrakadoodle has successfully been providing free art classes at Central Green for homeschoolers since 2013. The art classes have had great impact not only on the homeschool students, but also on the early age kids that attend our classes at Central Green.

Abrakadoodle®, an exciting art education program in partnership with Crayola®, offers comprehensive art education programs for children across the country, which research indicates can "increase student academic achievement." It's important that children have the freedom to express their ideas through color, line, shape and form using a wide range of materials and media. In the process they learn much more than artistic techniques. They also learn to find solutions to problems or challenges, improve fine motor skills, experiment and take chances, develop a richer vocabulary, appreciate art from different perspectives and more.

See what parents say about our Abrakadoodle Classes at Central Green:

*"This was his first experience in an art class. He learned to deal with different art mediums. Every time we pass by Central Green, he would say 'art class' and point to the Central Green area."*

*"Emma is very shy and thanks to this class she's been more open to talking in public."*

*"I liked the opportunity "for the kids to develop artistic ability with individuals experienced in art and specially for being a great outdoor class at Central Green."*

*"They enjoyed the class and didn't want the session to end. We always stay longer to enjoy the Central Green area."*

*"Every month my kids wait to come to the art class at Central Green, and they always have a great time."*

*"We love the outdoor art classes at Central Green. Such an awesome combination!"*

All the events happening at Central Green are extremely important to the community. Community events are an important part of our lives. It helps building network, socializing, breaking the monotony making you feel rejuvenated and positive. And that is what Central Green is all about: inviting the community to get together, to have fun, learn, relax, share, help, network and celebrate. Katy wouldn't be the same without all the events Central Green has been offering to the community.

Juliana Kenj and Maria Buiatti

Educational Directors

Abrakadoodle Art Education

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Email: [jkenj@abrakadoodle.com](mailto:jkenj@abrakadoodle.com) - Phone: 832-243-2578

## Central Green Park

From: Jeri Lilly <jeri.lilly@gmail.com>

Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 8:31 am

To: Yvonne@WillowForkParks.com

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I am against moving SPA dollars away from Cinco Mud 12. Please keep Cinco Mud 12 in Charge of SPA dollars.

I bring my children to many events at Central Green. We've attended children's fairs, movie nights, concerts and seen performances by local dance studios and performers. My kids and I love coming to all of the community events.

Kind Regards,

Jeri Lilly

Sent from my iPhone

## Willow Fork Park Service

From: Josephine McGill <mcgill.josephine@gmail.com>

Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 9:24 am

To: yvonne@willowforkparks.com

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I participated at the Tai Chi & various concerts and events at the Willow Fork Parks, I think it is a fantastic service that we can get as residents of Cinco Mud 12 and would like to keep our SPA money in our community. We like keep our service at MUD 12.

Thank you.

Josephine McGill  
412-874-5765

## Keep Cinco Mud 12

From: Veronica Botello <vernbotella@gmail.com>

Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 11:21 am

To: yvonne@willowforkparks.com

Cc: Trina (Tai Chi)

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Hello Yvonne,

My name is Veronica Botello and I have been attending Central Park in Cinco Ranch for the past year. I have enjoyed the wonderful family weekend outings along with the Tuesday and Saturday Tai Chi sessions. Having these events taken away from our community is very saddening and I hope you reconsider.

I am against moving SPA funds away from Cinco Mud 12. Please keep Cinco Mud 12 in charge of the SPA dollars so the community can continue to enjoy the wonderful events they offer.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,  
Veronica Botello  
Richmond/Katy Resident



1/28/2019

Commissioners Court

To whom it may concern.

Dear Commissioners:

The restaurant Fish City Grill Katy/LaCenterra located right in front of the Willow Fork Drainage District Central Green Park is being serving this community for over 12 years.

My Family lives and employs over 30 families who subsequently live and support their families out if this business. As we do, many other restaurants, retail and other business support their families and employs many people, who also subsequently support their families. We all depend on the community activities, but most important on the events held on the Central Green park. If the events are suspended, the community and economic impact will be tremendous.

Why would it impact? LaCenterra has a really low traffic during the week, because the fact that a great amount of people who live in Katy works on the Energy Corridor or Downtown or Galleria, therefore, our business in LaCenterra live from the weekends. Families are attracted to come on the weekend to have fun and enjoy the family activities in Central Green.

Just to give you a few numbers, only our restaurant sells over 1.5 million dollars a year. As I mentioned before, we employ over 30 people who support their families with this honorable job. We pay over 360,000 dollars on salaries a year, plus what tips are generated on this service industry. We and our employees generate approximately 50,000 dollars just in payroll taxes. Our company generates and pays over 100,000 dollars a year in sales taxes.

Just multiply by all the business and figure the impact of the suspension of the events will have when all the business are making half of the sales, hire half of the employees, pay half of the salaries, generate half of the taxes, etc, etc, etc... Most of the business, like mine, sell half of what we do now, we will have to close our doors. Yes, unemployment, no community, no family healthy time. Huge community impact.

I hope you hear our small voice and save our community.

Respectfully,

A family owner of a family small business in a family-oriented Community.

Antonio Moreno

Fish City Grill Katy



## Opposition to ETJ Termination

From: Leah Martinez-Ortiz <leah@brandaidconsulting.com>

Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 10:18 am

To: yvonne@willowforkparks.com

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Leah Martinez  
5606 Dahlia Lane  
Katy, TX 77493

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January 29, 2019

Re: Commissioners Court Meeting on Legislative Agenda

As a strong supporter of Katy's beloved Central Green that is amazingly managed to provide entertainment, educational, and cultural activities to families of the area, I strongly oppose the termination of Houston ETJ. The tax money received through SPA should stay in the management of MUD 12. This would be a direct blow to the people of this community. Please reconsider efforts for this termination.

Thank you,

Leah Martinez

Against

35-D-12, Teacher \$19

To Whom it May Concern,

Navy

My name is Dray Holeman. I am Ms. Yvonne's assistant. This matter came to my attention after 3pm...less than 24 hours ago. Had we adequate notice, the amount of counter information and the number of people in attendance to stop the ill-advised, ~~proposed legislation~~ would increase dramatically.

Holeman

~~Legislation pro proposed in secret~~

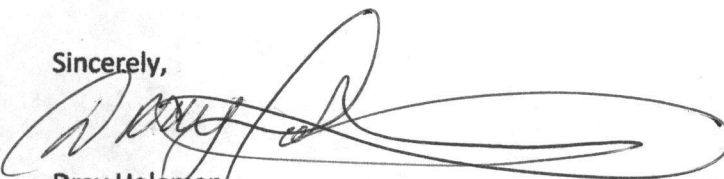
In the aftermath of Harvey, Central Green was a collection and distribution site for those in need in our community. In addition, those in our community who lost everything had a place to go where they could enjoy themselves, forget about their troubles and have a taste of a normal life.

*As a teacher that is certified to work with the disabled*  
The Central Green has a large impact on our disabled community. Central Green is eminently accessible to the disabled community...particularly the autistic. Parents who cannot take their children to a movie theatre or traditional venues find that the Central Green dovetails in to the care of their children. At ~~other venues~~, if an autistic child has an episode at a theatre or a concert they have to be removed. As we've seen on TV this can become a violent situation. At Central Green a parent can coax a child away as not to shame, emotionally scar or escalate the situation.

*and* *operational*  
With all the debt and inefficiency in government, the M.U.D.'s in Fort Bend manage funding extremely well. It defies logic to allow that funding to be poorly managed by a debt-ridden agency. Commissioner Meyers said in the M.U.D. 12 December meeting that his office was 2-million dollars in debt. The M.U.D. and community should not be punished to further the desires of a fiscally irresponsible commissioner's office.

I oppose any laws impacting the SPA as it is detrimental to the community and in essence will create another government slush fund.

Sincerely,



Dray Holeman

## Community events

From: Louise Wilson <louisewilson71@gmail.com>

Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 11:12 am

To: yvonne@WillowForkParks.com

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Dear Yvonne

I attend the Tai Chi class with Trina on a Tuesday morning. She informed me today that this, and other events held at the green are in jeopardy- we regularly attend events at la centerra as a family and we come and eat at a restaurant there purely because of the events that are put on so we can eat and enjoy the atmosphere.

As a family we've watched movies there, attended an adoption fundraiser, watched the amazing musicians that play there every week - my daughter has danced with princesses, July 4th celebrations, we loved the magician and many more things to name but a few - if all this was taken away I think the whole area wouldn't be the social community hub that it is and wouldn't draw in families and eventually I'm sure businesses would suffer.

So I am writing to say please can we keep Cinco Mud 12 in charge of SPA dollars as I am against moving SPA dollars away from Cinco Mud 12 because Central green is well managed and the events add so much to our community.

Sincerely

Louise wilson.

Sent from my iPhone

## Central Green Free Events

From: Kat Hodson <clm.hodson@gmail.com>

Sent: Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 11:17 am

To: yvonne@willowforkparks.com



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Good morning

My name is Kat Hodson and I just came back from attending the free Tai Chi class that Central Green offers. I learned today that there is a chance that funding could be cut from offering programs such as this and I am personally very upset to hear this.

As a family who have lived in the Cinco Ranch area for the past 10 years, I have seen the growth of La Centerra and been to countless events offered here, 4th July, movie night, bands, Christmas (to name but a few); my daughters have even danced on the stage with their cheer group and pre-school way back when!

I would be personally very sad to see these things go and think many others would too, if they knew! These events are important to the community and add to the community spirit and energy La Centerra offers. It is also good economically for the businesses in this area as many people come for meals and drinks to participate in these free events and bring much a boost to the economy. The Green would not be the same if these events were to stop.

There are so many reasons why this funding should not be cut and I am AGAINST moving SPA dollars away from Cinco MUD 12. Please keep Cinco MUD 12 in charge of the SPA dollars.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Kat Hodson

Resident and event participant



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1/28/19

Dear Commissioners Court,

I am here in my individual capacity. I have been the Parks Manager for Central Green since 2013. I have seen a positive social, economic, civic, health and environmental impact on our community. The free events..made possible by SPA dollars..at Central Green have also provided cultural enhancement and opened the doors of the world through our festivals. We have taken the public on a Journey through Asia, all over Africa, India, Ireland, Indonesia. We Celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month and more. Children developed a love for reading, learned how to speak Spanish and received education through our home school programs. Elderly and disabled guest improved their health through our Tai Chi classes. People of all races and religions came together and celebrated. Non-profits and schools have been supported. Seven professional singing careers have been launched from our stage. Single mothers are provided with entertainment they can not afford. Father's teared up with gratitude for the opportunity to build communication with their kids. Many first steps have taken place on our green. A family with a child stricken with cancer got to meet a few Astros players. Victims of Hurricane Harvey returned to normalcy and got a much needed break.

Our economic impact on the community has been astounding. I have with me a letter from Antonio Moreno the owner of Fish City Grill in LaCenterra. He states that he and other merchants in LaCenterra will lose 50% of their business if the events are cancelled. Our events also have an induced impact. Guest and performers spend money locally. Realtors bring their clients to Central Green to show a benefit of living in Katy. Trip Advisor agrees. They list Central Green as a top tourism location.

Community involvement in neighborhood parks is associated with lower levels of crime and vandalism.\* Our park host guest from Katy, Houston and surrounding areas building lasting ties and creating a protective social environment.

Our cultural events enhance our quality of life, improve education and social skills. According to the Katy ISD, the arts develop neural systems that produce a broad spectrum of benefits ranging from fine motor skills to creativity and improved emotional balance.

We promote Civic participation by honoring our Veterans and those who served. Supporting our scouts, school clubs and community organizations.

A study by Penn State shows a significant correlation to reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure and perceived physical health to the length of stays in visits to parks.

If you pass the proposed legislation, these events and programs funded by SPA dollars will go away. Businesses will suffer. Central Green has a tremendous effect on the community. Let's keep our Community Strong. Let's keep programming at Central Green by keeping SPA funding with Cinco M.U.D. 12. I am opposing breaking the SPA contract with Houston.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Arceneaux', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Yvonne Arceneaux

Parks Manager

Willow Fork Drainage District Central Green

*\*Source: National Recreation and Parks Association website*