

We, the undersigned ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN petition the adoption of the following citizen-initiated ordinance:

PART I; The caption of the petitioned ordinance, which shall be used verbatim as the ballot language, is: **A CITIZEN PETITIONED ORDINANCE POSTPONING THE DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER UNTIL APPROVED BY VOTERS, OR FOR SEVEN YEARS; PRIORITIZING CITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR AUSTIN LOCAL LIVE MUSIC, ARTS, CULTURAL AND OUTDOOR TOURISM FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH VISITORS AND AUSTINITES; AND PROVIDING FOR LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, TRANSPARENCY, AND SEVERABILITY.**

PART II. Findings and Purpose: (A) The people of Austin benefit from, and our economy is based on, our unique local culture, including local live music, film, the arts, our history, local small businesses, and our parks, clean waters, and agriculture. Visitors and Austinites enjoy these assets, yet they are disappearing due to neglect, high costs, and other causes. By contrast, less than two (2) percent of visitors go to the convention center, yet the convention center has and, if expanded, will consume the vast majority (around 70 percent) of our hotel tourism taxes for at least the next 30 years. (B) This ordinance resets city priorities to promote and support cultural and outdoor tourism for an interim period, pause demolition and reconstruction of the convention center, and provide for transparency in visitor-related taxing, spending, and decision-making.

PART III: The demolition and reconstruction of the existing Austin Convention Center is hereby paused until the funding of the project is approved by Austin voters, or for a period of seven (7) years, whichever is sooner. This ordinance does not prohibit continuing with demolition of all or part of the existing center if (a) at least twenty (20) percent of the center site is dedicated to public park land, (b) all public art in the existing center is saved and moved to another public location, and (c) the downtown street grid is restored as previously planned.

PART IV: Austin voters direct our City Council to prioritize City hotel tax and other resources to substantially increase promotion and support for cultural and outdoor tourism that benefit both visitors and residents and located in all City Council districts. Further, the Council may improve the existing convention center and continue to study, plan for, and consider alternatives to a future center provided all relevant financial and other information is timely disclosed to the public.

PART 5. Effectiveness & Severability: (A) The effective date of this ordinance shall be the earlier of (i) ten (10) days after the date of its final passage by the City Council, or (ii) the date upon which the results of an election are canvassed. The enacting clause of this ordinance is “BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN.” This ordinance shall apply to all uses of the Hotel Occupancy Tax, regardless of the effective date of any City contract or action. (B) If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of that section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. This ordinance shall supersede the Austin City Code to the extent there are any conflicts.

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