



RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL REGARDING FEE AND EXPENSE WAIVERS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEREAS, the City spent \$23.9 million to support special events from 2009 through 2013 and collected \$13.2 million in fees and reimbursed expenses resulting in a net loss of \$10.7 million to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council has waived \$3,485,223 in fees and expenses for special events from 2009 through 2013; and

WHEREAS, these waived fees and expenses were paid for by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, police, fire, and emergency services have been redirected from neighborhoods and other areas of Austin to support special events; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) hereby petitions the Austin City Council to stop waiving fees and expenses for for-profit special events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ANC hereby petitions the Austin City Council to direct the City Manager to ensure that:

1. For-profit special events pay all costs for the use of City property including but not limited to parks, recreation facilities, and public right-of-ways; and
2. For-profit special events pay all costs for the use of City services including but not limited to police, fire, EMS, parks, transportation, code compliance and enforcement, health, human services, communications, and public information; and
3. All reimbursed costs for the use of City services for special events go to the City departments providing said services; and
4. Fees for the commercial use of City property cover the City's costs and are at least equivalent to similar fees in peer cities; and
5. Standard service levels for police, fire, EMS, parks, transportation, and code compliance and enforcement in neighborhoods are maintained during special events.

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