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Dear City of Austin,

Date 10/30/2024

Travis Audubon Society would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Mashariki Cannon

Mashariki Cannon
Travis Audubon Society
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November 7, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
City of Austin
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my full support for the upcoming resolution requesting the City of Austin to explore the integration of bird-friendly building techniques into the city's rules and regulations, as outlined in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Bird-Friendly Building Toolkit. This resolution presents an important opportunity to implement sustainable practices that protect both our urban environment and the wildlife that share it, including the millions of birds that live in and migrate through our region.

This effort is critical as an estimated 1 billion birds die every year due to collisions with buildings, with Texas—especially areas like Travis County—being a vital stopover for migratory species. Birds are not only important to our natural ecosystems, but they are also an economic driver. The 4.4 million bird watchers in Texas contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the state's economy annually. By making Austin a bird-friendly city, we can help protect these species while simultaneously supporting our local economy.

The integration of bird-friendly building techniques into Austin's development standards would not only reduce fatalities but also align with our city's environmental goals. As one of the leading cities in sustainability and innovation, Austin can become a statewide leader by prioritizing the protection of birds through smarter urban planning and construction practices. And with other cities across the U.S. implementing similar measures, it is time for Austin to join this movement.

I strongly encourage the City Council to adopt this resolution that will help safeguard our bird populations, preserve Austin's ecological integrity, and ensure future generations can continue to experience the beauty of birds in our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing Austin continue to lead in creating a more sustainable and bird-friendly urban environment. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further support or information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Vice President / Executive Director
Audubon Texas
National Audubon Society



11/11/24

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Dear City of Council of City of Austin

Texas Children in Nature Network would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collisions with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year. Furthermore, research shows that children and adults who have daily access to greenspaces with a higher density of biodiversity, are healthier both mentally and physically.

We applaud the City of Austin for already joining the Lights Out Texas Proclamation program to turn off nonessential lighting in city buildings during peak-fall and spring bird migration periods. Bird-friendly Design, such as outdoor lighting that is directed to the ground (rather than up-lights or globe style lights), will help reduce light pollution which has a direct health benefit on both animals and people. Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to save more birds and better sustain the biodiversity of Central Texas. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

I hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you

Sarah Coles
Executive Director

PO Box 492
Manchaca, TX 78653
www.texaschildreninnature.org



Great Springs Project, through partnership and bold initiative, is creating a network of springs-to-springs trails and protected natural areas over the Edwards Aquifer between San Antonio and Austin.

November 6, 2024

Re: Letter of Support to Include Bird-Friendly Design Best Practices for New and Retrofitted Buildings in Austin, Texas

Dear City of Austin,

BOARD

Deborah Morin, *Chair*
April Ancira
Hope Andrade
Tom Bacon
Kyndel Bennett
Cindy M. Matula
Andrew Sansom
Dianne Wassenich

I am writing on behalf of Great Springs Project to support the inclusion of Bird-Friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitted buildings in Austin. We understand that nearly one billion birds are lost yearly in the United States to collisions with buildings. We also appreciate that birdwatching brings over \$1.8 billion into the state's economy annually.

By implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know we can be part of the solution to stem the billions of fatalities caused by collisions with buildings. Thankfully, a roadmap has been developed in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

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Great Springs Project strongly supports the City of Austin in implementing Bird-Friendly Design with the best practices for new and retrofitted buildings.

We hope you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

CEO

Garry Merritt

Sincerely,

Garry Merritt
Chief Executive Officer

PO Box 12331
Austin, TX 78711

GreatSpringsProject.org



Dear City of Austin,

The Travis County Parks Foundation would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. One of the goals of our Night Sky Program is spreading awareness to the residents of Travis County and beyond of the impacts that light pollution has on flora and fauna, human health, safety, visibility of our Milky Way and energy consumption. We also look to adopt responsible outdoor nighttime lighting practices throughout the Travis County Park System which will serve as an example to the community.

We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year. Birds are also vital to the health of our regional ecosystem as they pollinate our plants, aid in seed dispersal, control pests through their consumption of insects, aid in nutrient cycling and aid in clean-up through consumption of decaying carcasses by scavenger species.

Buildings are a major source of light pollution. Light pollution is caused by the overuse of artificial light at night. Skyglow, the scattering of artificial light in the night sky, has been shown to attract large numbers of night-migrating birds from as far away as 5 kilometers (US Fish and Wildlife Service). Birds become disoriented and trapped in brightly lit regions which increase their chance of colliding with buildings. The highest mortality rates occur on cloudy nights when skyglow is dramatically increased.

Residents of Travis County and beyond are concerned about the impacts that light pollution has in our region. Texas is home to 23 Dark Sky International designated Dark Sky Places, 5 located in Travis county with 7 more places in Travis county working on becoming designated. Our region is deeply interested in the night sky and invested in preserving it for generations to come.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in

partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, Dark Sky International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'APJ', with a stylized, flowing script.

Amy Paredes Jackson

Travis County Parks Foundation

Night Sky Program Director

314 W. 11th Street, Suite 200B

Austin, TX 78701

512-273-3678



1609 Shoal Creek Blvd, Suite 305
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Partners at the City of Austin,

November 13, 2024

The Staff of Pease Park Conservancy would like to offer our support of including Bird-Friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collisions with buildings. We also understand that birdwatching brings in more than \$1.8 billion into the Texas economy each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the US and Canada have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused by collisions with glass. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you for your support of nature in our City.

Sincerely,

Nicole Netherton
Chief Executive Officer, Pease Park Conservancy

Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

November 13, 2024

Austin Mayor and City Council
301 West 2nd St.
Austin, TX. 78701

Dear City Officials,

The Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group strongly supports including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. America loses close to one billion birds each year in the United States due to collisions with buildings.

At the same time, bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the State of Texas each year. To try to fix this seems both an ecological and financial benefit to Austin.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stop the unnecessary carnage caused from collisions with buildings. A roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University, giving us a clear path to follow.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission, of which we were a part.

Sincerely,

Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
<https://www.sierraclub.org/texas/austin>
(512) 451-5985



Wild Basin Creative Research Center

Dear City of Austin,

November 6, 2024

Wild Basin Creative Research Center would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collisions with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Barbara Dugelby, PhD

Barbara Dugelby, PhD

Executive Director

Wild Basin Creative Research Center

3001 S. Congress Avenue

Austin, Texas 78704



Dear City of Austin,

Date 11/11/2024

Black Women Who would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Tanya Walker, CEO & Founder

Black Women Who

12014 Riprap Dr

Manor, Texas 78653

Austin Environmental Democrats

November 13, 2024

Austin Mayor and City Council
301 West 2nd St.
Austin, TX. 78701

Dear City Officials,

The Austin Environmental Democrats strongly support including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. America loses close to one billion birds each year in the United States due to collisions with buildings.

At the same time, bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the State of Texas each year. To try to fix this seems both an ecological and financial benefit to Austin.

A major migration flyway for birds through Austin is along the Colorado River, through the very heart of downtown, where there is much new development. The abundant use of glass in the newest buildings can be a danger to birds! The time to act is now.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that we can help stop the unnecessary destruction of bird populations caused from collisions with buildings. A roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University, giving us a clear and successful path to follow.

We ask that you vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Sincerely,

Austin Environmental Democrats.
<https://www.facebook.com/ATXenvirodems/>
info@envirodems.org.
(512) 836-5087



10.31.24

Dear City of Austin,

The Expedition School would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you

Kimery Duda

Founder

The Expedition School

www.expeditionschool.com



2024 Public Benefit, Conservation Efforts, Accomplishments and Awards

Overview

Founded in Austin, Texas, The Expedition School (TES) exists to provide transformational programs and experiences for its community - from rentals and lessons to first-time paddlers, to special event programs supported by partnering organizations. Water safety and drowning prevention is at our core, with environmental, ecological, and historical context provided as the next layer in all programs. We believe in education, recreation, and safe, universal access for all.

Programs

- The Expedition School continues to lead in collaborative efforts with key stakeholders in -local, -state, -national and -international safety standards in drowning prevention and water safety support
- No paddler @ The Expedition School goes without wearing an appropriately fitted USCG approved lifejacket and is offered basic paddling instruction, including water safety basics and paddling essentials, weather conditions, water quality conditions, etc. with each public watercraft rental
- Appropriately-fitted, USCG approved, personal flotation devices are provided *and* encouraged to be worn by all paddlers
- Taught over 50 SUP, canoe, and kayak lessons to local Austinites, and out of towners including women and minorities and adaptive patrons! These were first time paddlers accessing Lady Bird Lake for their first time!
- Guided 23 Adaptive Group Paddles, each supporting 10-15 adult athletes with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD)
- Hosted and Safely Executed 2 Special Olympics “Expedition School Olympics” events for adaptive populations, to celebrate their end of season accomplishments and in preparation for the Paralympics in France
- Our very own Guide and Educator, Jordan Main, Paralympian, Goal Ball, Reserve Team, Paralympics, France 2024
- Leadership training for 35 local high school educators
- Guided our biannual Multisport paddle and Conservation Day for 40 middle school students attending AISD East Side School
- Volunteer cleanup for impact day of local corporate team - 1000 lbs of trash and 500 lbs of recycling collected
- Empowerment, Conservation and Leadership training for local east side non-profit organization supporting middle school and high school age first-time college seekers / first time paddlers on Town Lake/Lady Bird Lake!
- Conservation training and guided paddling excursion for middle school age students underscoring diversity, equity, and inclusion.



- Guided paddle excursion for global leaders, physicians, judiciaries, physicians, conservationists, attorneys, and women entrepreneurs in partnership with NGO in Washington DC and University of Texas at Austin
- Our very own Founder, Kimery Duda, received national and global recognition for our work with the American Red Cross Training Services. You can find it [here](#).





Dear City of Austin,

October 28, 2024

The Victor Emanuel Young Naturalist Scholarship Fund (VEYNSF) would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new construction and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of bird fatalities caused from colliding with buildings. Thankfully, a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

I hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Paula Smith

Chair, Victor Emanuel Young Naturalist Scholarship Fund

Tim Havens

Vice Chair

David Todd

Treasure

Dear City of Austin,

Date 13 November 2024

The Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc. would like to offer our support for including Bird-Friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused by collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

In particular, the adoption of these Bird-Friendly Design best practices in an expeditious manner would interact nicely with the recent efforts to create greater density in Austin through new construction.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Meadows". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Name: Robert Meadows, President, 2024-2025, Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Organization or business: Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association, Inc. (WCNA)

Address: 12005 Presa Drive, Austin, Texas 78753

The Board of Directors of the WCNA voted 7-0 at its Regular Monthly meeting of 6 November 2024 to authorize the signature of its current president, Robert Meadows, to endorse and support this Bird-Friendly Design initiative. The WCNA is a volunteer civic organization registered with the City of Austin (Planning id #85 at the Community Registry), and was established in 1974 and is celebrating 50 years of continuous activity.

November 7, 2024

To the City of Austin:

Wells Branch Wild Conservancy would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. Our organization has a mission to lead, inspire, and engage our community in stewardship of a healthy and sustainable ecosystem.

We accomplish this through educational programs, collaborative alliances, and advocacy. Our Vision is to cultivate and protect diverse, vibrant natural spaces and living creatures in Wells Branch, now and for future generations.

In keeping with our mission, we understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Board of Directors, Wells Branch Wild Conservancy

Jill Douglass, President

Hanne Nielsen, Secretary

Cristina Silingardi, Treasurer

Linda Welsh, Board Member

Rebecca Benz, Board Member

www.wellsbranchwild.org

Dear City of Austin,

Date **10/30/2024**

Suzan E Ozcelik would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSky International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Name	Suzan E Ozcelik
Organization or business	RIOS
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Suzan Ozcelik
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Dear City of Austin,

Date 10/30/2024

Aixa Solá Figueroa would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSky International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Name Aixa Solá Figueroa

Organization or business BGK Architects

Address 1224 E 12th St #320, Austin, TX 78702

Dear City of Austin,

Date: 11/05/2024

I, Benedict Y. Kim, would like to offer my support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. I understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. I also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, I know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSky International, and Yale University.

I hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Benedict Y. Kim

RA #22321; NCARB

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benedict Y. Kim", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dear City of Austin,

Date 10/31/24

HLB Lighting would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you

Name Matthew Tanteri
Organization or business HLB Lighting Design
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Matthew Tanteri

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Dear City of Austin,

Date November 8, 2024

Stefanie Schober would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Name 

Director of Operations Enclosure Design & Consulting

Organization or business Lerch Bates

Address 10900 Stonelake Blvd Building 2, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759

Dear City of Austin,

Date: 10/30/2024

Steven Carrell would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Steven Carrell

Seal Building Enclosure

2235 E 6th St. Apt 406

Austin, TX 78702

Steven Carrell, RRO, CDT
Consultant | BD Lead - Austin

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WYATT FRANTOM would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,



Name WYATT FRANTOM

Organization or business —

Address —

Dear City of Austin,

Date 11/8/24

Brian Hernandez would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you

Name Brian Hernandez

Organization or business Gensler

Address _____

Dear City of Austin,

11/12/2024

Garrett Jaynes of the Bird Friendly Design Working Group and Austin Energy Green Building team member would like to offer their support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. As a member of the working group and AEGB team, I am acutely aware of the effect vertical structures and exterior lighting have on local wildlife. It is understood that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collisions with buildings.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other cities across the country have done, we know that together we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities caused from collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you

Garrett Jaynes
Austin Energy Green Building
4815 Mueller Blvd. Austin, TX 78723

November 18, 2024

Austin City Council
Austin City Hall
200 Willie Nelson Blvd.
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mayor and Council;

I write today to express my strong support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. Until September of this year, I had the honor of serving on the City's Environmental Commission and was present as the Commission began deliberating on this topic. The impact of the built environment and bird habitat and systems was something that I found profoundly devastating the more I learned about it. An estimated one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. In many instances and with some fairly basic and inexpensive design changes, that number could be drastically reduced. If you need an economic argument to go along with the ecological one, consider that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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Thank you

Peter Einhorn

November 9, 2024

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November 11, 2024

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Thank you

Matt & Peggy Winkler
960 Live Oak Circle
West Lake Hills, TX 78746

Dear City of Austin,

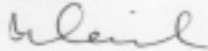
November 14, 2024

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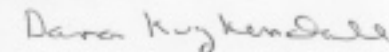
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Thank you



Mark Wilson



Dana Kuykendall

4311 Sinclair Avenue

Austin Tx 78756

Dear City of Austin,

Date 11/08/24

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Thank you

Name FIEN DOBBELAERE
Organization or business GENSLER
Address _____

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Date 11/8/24

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Thank you

Name FARIS NAWED
Organization or business GENSLER
Address _____

Hello City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for all aspects of Bird-Friendly Building Design. There are too many pressures on birds (and wildlife in general), and we must intervene on their behalf. Climate change, loss of habitat and building design are all contributors to the rapid decrease of bird populations. I have walked the sidewalks of Austin in the early morning hours during migration, and have seen it for myself. It's heartbreaking to have to collect a beautiful dead Painted Bunting off the pavement, and know that there are remedies to prevent bird strikes. Please vote "yes" to require Bird-Friendly Building Design. Thank you for your time.

James & Debbie Giroux
Austin, TX

Dear City of Austin,

Date: 11/08/2024

I, Juliana Kaplan, would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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Thank you,

Name 

Organization or business: Gensler Austin

Address: 1011 S Congress Ave Building 1, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704

Dear City of Austin,

October 28, 2024

One of us, Jo Wilson, recently served nine years on the Board of Directors of Travis Audubon Society. We have lived in Austin since 1994. We would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We both understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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Thank you

Jo Wilson, retired attorney, and Carol Bennett, economist
2016 Emma Long St.
Austin, TX 78723

Dear City of Austin,

11/13/2024

Defenders of Wildlife would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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Thank you

Azalia Rodríguez

Defenders of Wildlife

17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

Dear City of Austin,

Date 10/31/2024

Families in Nature would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather Kuhlken".

Heather Kuhlken
Families in Nature
4610 Shoalwood
Austin, TX 78756

Dear City of Austin,

November 6, 2024

Karen Blizzard would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. I understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. I also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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Based on my experience, I believe that widespread education should be a component of any City of Austin initiative. Many local organizations and businesses would willingly participate if they knew how to make their buildings more bird-friendly. For example, last week at my doctor's office, my doctor mentioned that birds hit their building frequently. She wanted to know more when I told her there were bird-friendly steps that her practice could take, and she was appreciative of the information. Like many, she and her staff are busy and may not take the steps to do the research themselves, so it would be extremely helpful if the City could provide an easy toolkit for businesses and individuals to use. The City should also invest the money and staff needed for a robust PR initiative to get the word out by sharing the toolkit and education components widely on social media and through the news media and environmental organizations.

I hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Karen Blizzard
2100 Southern Oaks Drive
Austin, TX 78745

Dear City of Austin,

November 14, 2024

The Friends of Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. As the official nonprofit partner of the only National Wildlife Refuge in Central Texas, which was established to protect endangered birds, we understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collisions with buildings. As the hosts of an annual birding festival for more than 20 years, we also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Sarah Meyer

Executive Director

Friends of Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge

Lago Vista, Texas 78645

Hi there.

I am messaging to voice my support for the resolution that will be discussed in agenda item 73 in the 11/21 City Council meeting: the resolution brought forward by the Bird-Friendly Design working group of the Environmental Commission of the City of Austin.

Thank you,
Melissa Morales
78745 zip code

Dear City of Austin,

Date 11/18/2024

I, Maria Anzivino would like to offer my support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. I understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. I also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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I hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Name Maria Anzivino

Organization or business EVstudio

Address 4405 Avenue A #13, Austin, TX 78751

November 11, 2024

Re: Resolution in Support of Reduced Bird Collisions with Buildings

Dear City Council of Austin,

I support Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. I understand that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. Austin is underneath the migratory Central Flyway and consequently, a mecca for birds and birders. Fortunately, the birdwatching industry brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of Texas each year.

Through implementing Bird-Friendly Design best practices, as other major cities across the country have done, we can be part of the solution to stem the tide of fatalities which puts many species of birds in steep decline due to collisions with buildings. Thankfully a roadmap has already been developed in partnership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, DarkSkies International, and Yale University.

I hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maura Powers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Maura Powers

Board Member & Chair, Advocacy Committee

Travis Audubon Society

Maura.powers2007@gmail.com

512.921.6212

Dear City of Austin,

Date 11/8/24

Michael Weddell would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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Name Michael Weddell
Organization or business Geosler
Address _____

November 15, 2024

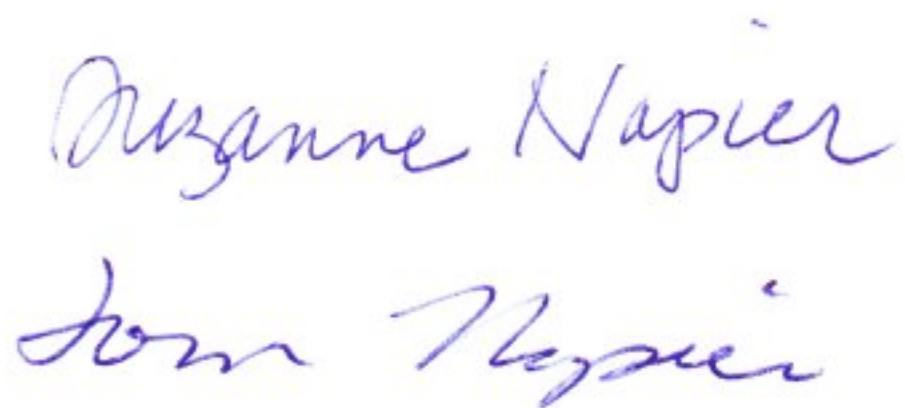
Dear City of Austin,

My husband and I would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collisions with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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Thank you,



Suzanne Napier
Tom Napier
603 Tumbleweed Trl N
Austin, TX 78733

Dear City of Austin,

November 13, 2024

I support Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. It is important to understand the significant issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States in collisions with buildings. As the world experiences dramatic bird population declines due to climate catastrophe, we need to do as much as we can to support the important bird migration routes and habitats.

Not only does bird-watching bring in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year, birds and bird-watching has important benefits to the community. It helps promote physical and mental well-being, invites curiosity and offers an opportunity for people to act as citizen-scientists.

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Michele Martell, Esq.

Martell Media House PLLC

Travis Audubon Society Board Member

Dear City of Austin,

Date 11/11/2024

Trevor Brown would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that birdwatching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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We hope that you will vote to support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission.

Thank you,

Name Trevor Brown

Organization or business: JE Dunn Construction

Address 1601 S. MOPAC Expy
Barton Skyway 2, Suite 450
Austin, TX 78746

Dear City of Austin,

Date 11/08/2024

THANH LY would like to offer our support of including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. We understand the issue that nearly one billion birds are lost each year in the United States to collision with buildings. We also understand that bird-watching brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy of the state each year.

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Thank you

Name THANH LY

Organization or business GENSLER

Address _____

November 1, 2024

Dear City of Austin,

Please support including Bird-friendly Design best practices for new and retrofitting buildings in Austin. Austin is a beautiful City sited on the Colorado River which is a bird “highway” during the twice annual migrations that bring thousands of birds along the corridor every evening and day. It is important that buildings are built in a way that protects birds.

Buildings in the US kill over one billion birds a year in collisions with the structures and the windows. Birds are under threats from many sources, but this is one that good design can help solve. Austin and Travis County have been leaders in bird protection through the Balcones Canyonlands Preserves and it would be another leadership step to join other cities in the US who have incorporated Bird-friendly Design best practices in buildings.

Birding in Texas is not only popular but it brings in over \$1.8 billion into the economy each year. Fortunately, there is a roadmap for good bird design that has been developed by a partnership of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, American Bird Conservancy, Dark Skies International and Yale University. Including this in design of new or retrofitted buildings will help stem the tide of birds killed in collisions with structures and glass. The working group of the Environmental Commission has studied this issue and have put forth a resolution that I fully support.

I am very aware of the rapid decline of birds in the last several decades through my work as a Travis County Commissioner in the 1990’s in helping frame the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve system and later as President of Travis Audubon. Austin has always lead the way in Texas in respecting its setting in a beautiful landscape and being bird friendly. Please support the resolution prepared by the working group of the Environmental Commission for Bird-friendly Design.

Sincerely,

Valarie Bristol
512 Bulian Ln
Austin TX 78746