

2222 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Inc.

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To: Nuria Rivera-Vandermyde, Deputy City Manager

From: Tom R. Smith, President, 2222 CONA

Re: Letter of Support for Austin Civilian Conservation Corps

Please accept this letter of support for the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps (ACCC) initiative on behalf of the 2222 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (2222 CONA). We represent over 3,000 households in NW Austin and our membership includes the neighborhoods of Glenlake, Jester Estates, Long Canyon Phase I, Long Canyon Phase II & III, River Place, Shepard Mountain and Westminster Glen Estates. We also work with many other non-member neighborhoods in NW Austin.

Among many benefits to the City of Austin, we see ACCC as a great potential resource for both public and private projects related to Wildland-Urban Interface enhancements and mitigating wildfire risk in the areas we serve.

As enthusiastic supporters, we wanted to contribute a few ideas for your consideration as you begin to plan how to implement and execute the ACCC.

We believe that creating an ACCC focused website that provides the following functionality would be of great benefit...

- An overview of the ACCC program goals and scope to educate the general public
- A list of activities, services, and projects that fall into the scope of the ACCC
- A list of City approved/recommended/partner vendors that can be invoked on ACCC related projects
- A way for parties to request or schedule resources (assumes review and approval)
- A dashboard of planned and completed accomplishments along with timeline and realized benefit
- A Financial dashboard with graphs and charts showing
 - A breakdown of funding sources (such as private contributions from Fee for Service, along with other funding sources)
 - A summary of the equitable distribution of funding and benefits across Austin

We hope the above ideas provide constructive input into the process. Feel free to contact me directly if you would like to discuss or need additional input.

Positive regards,

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