



Resolution of the Zilker Neighborhood Association Executive Committee Opposing Proposition Q Tax Rate Election

Adopted by ZNA's Executive Committee September 8, 2025

Whereas, affordability is of paramount concern to the Zilker neighborhood and across Austin;

Whereas, the Zilker Neighborhood Association Executive Committee ("ZNA ExCom") defines "essential city services" to include housing, public health, mental health, public safety, parks, environmental protection, and homeless services;

Whereas, during fiscally challenging times, convention centers, caps and stitches, and other unnecessary discretionary construction projects can only be described as non-essential;

Whereas, for the first time, the Austin City Council did not protect essential services in its base budget and instead put many of them on the Tax Rate Election (TRE) ballot while protecting unnecessary and controversial construction projects, seemingly deceiving Austin voters;

Whereas, the City of Austin's taxes are at an all-time high and are one of the primary causes of displacement of longtime residents who helped make Austin what it is;

Whereas, the US and local Austin economies are in major transition, costs have risen, and the real estate market is highly unpredictable;

Whereas, Travis County will likely have a tax increase due to recent catastrophic flooding;

Whereas, ZNA members expressed concerns about the City's budget and potential TRE at a robust quarterly meeting in July 2025;

Whereas, the City of Austin has called a TRE for November 4th, 2025, which would increase taxes on Austin residents for years to come;

Whereas, federal budget cuts and state tax regulations against cities are making balancing budgets challenging; and

Whereas, the City has not done an audit to identify areas that can be cut back and has approved billions of dollars in unnecessary discretionary construction projects that should be halted in order to prioritize essential city services as defined above; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the ZNA ExCom opposes the Proposition Q Tax Rate Election.

Resolved, That the ZNA ExCom demands a citywide audit to identify expenses that can be cut before raising taxes.

Resolved, That the ZNA ExCom demands cuts to unnecessary concrete construction projects.