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In Support of Preserving the Student Life Culture at The University of Texas at Austin

IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin serves as the official
2 voice of students; and,
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The City of Austin is often termed "The Live Music Capital of the World"; and,
- 4 **WHEREAS,** West Campus is defined as the majority student population area with the southern
5 border being West Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the eastern border being



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6 Guadalupe Street, the western border being North Lamar Boulevard, and the
7 northern border being West 29th Street; and,

8 **WHEREAS,** The West Campus neighborhood is home to a population dense with UT students;
9 and,

10 **WHEREAS,** The students that reside near the University of Texas at Austin participate in and
11 contribute to the culture of the area; and,

12 **WHEREAS,** The uniqueness of West Campus allows the student population to live near the
13 university while still being able to participate in nightlife events such as private
14 parties; and,

15 **WHEREAS,** Both students and long-term residents in and near the area just west of the
16 University of Texas have concerns that must be considered in balancing between
17 reasonable private parties, public safety, and a high quality of living; and,

18 **WHEREAS,** Greek fraternities and sororities, co-ops, and other large campus organizations and
19 student groups host events that are often located in West Campus and the
20 surrounding area where their members often live; thereby allowing participants of
21 large events to walk which reduces the risk of drunk drivers; and,

22 **WHEREAS,** Events such as the Sigma Chi's *Fight Night* is a philanthropic event that raised over
23 \$40,000 last year for needy causes which could be adversely affected by the newly
24 enforced sound ordinances designed to limit private events in West Campus and the
25 surrounding area; and,

26 **WHEREAS,** Overly-burdensome regulations will limit Greek organizations, co-ops and other
27 large student groups from being able to host events that contribute to the unique
28 culture of West Campus which has been around for decades; and,

29 **WHEREAS,** Roundup, a West Campus tradition since the 1930s, will be adversely affected by
30 these overly-burdensome regulations that include making it more difficult to comply
31 with city ordinances and creates uncertainty with the permitting process with the
32 city; and,



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33 **WHEREAS,** Residents of West Campus and the surrounding area understand and support
34 creating a more practical set of regulations and a permit for private parties that may
35 improve the rate of compliance with the sound ordinance, over-occupancy, and
36 other important aspects of a private party; and,

37 **WHEREAS,** Several organizations at the University of Texas at Austin share the common goal of
38 preserving the student life culture in West Campus and the surrounding area and
39 among those supporting this movement are; Absolute Texxas, College Republicans,
40 The Interfraternity Council, The Silver Spurs, The Texas Wranglers and several
41 student leaders; and, therefore be it

42 **RESOLVED,** The University of Texas Student Government asks for the City of Austin to form a
43 committee including, but not necessarily limited to, West Campus residents, The
44 University of Texas Student Government, affected neighborhood associations, as
45 well as all necessary city departments to reevaluate the City's sound ban; and, be it

46 **RESOLVED,** The University of Texas Student Government asks for the City of Austin to allow
47 some flexibility in permit requirements and code enforcement related to the sound
48 ban while involved parties craft a sensible solution that will provide for all parties a
49 reasonable compromise that ensures safety of residents and preserves the quality of
50 life that students have always maintained before and during the time in which the
51 ordinance has legally been enacted but has not been enforced ; and, be it

52 **RESOLVED,** That this resolution be sent to Mr. Marc Ott; City Manager for the City of Austin,
53 Mr. Art Acevedo; Chief of the Austin Police Department, Ms. Rhoda Mae Kerr;
54 Chief of the Austin Fire Department, Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly; Dean of Students,
55 and *The Daily Texan*.

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