

— SAVE — LOST CREEK

PETITION TO SAVE LOST CREEK RESTORING OUR HOMEOWNER'S RIGHTS

Be it known that we, the undersigned Texas citizens of the Lost Creek neighborhood request that you hear our plea and vote to allow us to disannex from the City of Austin. Current legislation – SB 1499 and HB 3827 – if passed, would give us back our homeowner's rights and true local control over our neighborhood.

Whereas, Lost Creek was forcibly annexed by the City of Austin in 2015 as a money and power grab ahead of the inevitable legislation preventing municipalities from having the power to forcefully annex neighborhoods, which ultimately passed and was signed into law by Governor Abbott on May 24th, 2019.

Whereas, Lost Creek fought through the courts for years to prevent the City from forcibly annexing us, spending incredible time and resources in the process. City representatives admitted in several hearings and depositions that their primary goal was to increase their tax base. Even with little to no thought regarding the services needed to provide to our neighborhood. Subsequent actions have proven that to be the case.

Whereas, since annexation, crime has spiked and law enforcement has become practically non-existent. The only law enforcement presence in the neighborhood has been to park an old beat-up unmanned police cruiser at the front of our neighborhood after two particular crime spikes. We do not blame APD, they have been crippled by a lack of resources from City leadership. In fact, our Limited District leadership has had to fund off-duty Sheriff patrols to keep our neighborhood safe.

Whereas, other services have decreased as well. We now operate under the City of Austin's Fire Protection Plan that is less comprehensive than prior under ESD

#9, and in a neighborhood that is in the highest category of risk for brushfires. Our water and trash services have tripled in cost with less service.

Be it resolved, that the undersigned Texas citizens, in the name of homeowner's rights and local control request the Legislature to vote to allow us the same ability to decide for ourselves what is best for our neighborhood. The same right given to the rest of the State.

Sincerely and with great respect,

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