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Subject: Library Building Use Rules

Re: Library Building Use Rules

Dear Mr. Aleshire:

I am writing on behalf of City Manager Cronk and Library Director Weeks in response to your letter yesterday that included a request for hearing for Mr. Lucas Burdick.

Thank you for your patience as the City has worked through questions raised by you and your clients about the Library's designation of its property as a nonpublic forum. We appreciate that there are differing views about the appropriate use of library grounds for petitioning and other First Amendment purposes.

On March 26, 2018, the Library Commission will consider taking action to revise the "Library Use Rules," which have been in effect since February 1, 2017. During the interim period preceding the Library Commission meeting, the Austin Public Library will allow petitioners to solicit signatures on library grounds in a manner that is not disruptive of library services to its customers, or to the library services provided by library staff. Specifically, the City will allow petitioners to solicit signatures on the library grounds in a manner that is not disruptive of the normal use of library services or property by library staff or other customers or in violation of Library Use Rules 13(A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), or 13(B) or 13(C).

Additionally, the City and Library Director rescind the criminal trespass notices issued to Mr. Lucas Burdick (3/7/18) and Mr. Scott Roudes (issued verbally on 2/17/18).

Assistant City Attorney, Lynn Carter, will send written notification to Mr. Roudes as to the decision to rescind the criminal trespass notice issued to him, unless you advise that you represent Mr. Roudes. Because you represent Mr. Burdick, the City will not contact him directly, and respectfully request that you convey this message to him.

Following the Library Commission Meeting on March 26th, the City's Law Department will keep you apprised of the process for potential changes to Library Use Rules and implementation of Library Rules during the interim.

Please feel free to contact Lynn Carter at 512/974-2268 if you have questions.

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