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Travis Audubon Endorses Travis County Proposition B

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Austin, TX - Travis Audubon enthusiastically endorses Proposition B for the Travis County Bond Election. Please join us in voting for this 91.5 million dollar bond for improving our park system and conserving land. Early voting has begun and the General Election is scheduled for November 7, 2017. The \$74,830,000 earmarked for park projects will be used to acquire parkland, build new recreational facilities, and protect natural and cultural resources in the county park system. The \$16,665,000 earmarked for land conservation will be used to purchase conservation easements, for perpetuity, from willing landowners, to protect natural and cultural resources throughout Travis County.

Texas is losing its rural lands faster than any other state in the nation. With 95% of the land in our great state privately owned, there's a great deal at risk for our quality of life and the survival of endangered species. Texas' total acreage of protected land, including state and local parks, is only 3 million acres. With Travis County being one of the fastest growing counties in the nation, we must allocate funds to protect critical habitat for wildlife.

Funds from Proposition B will be invested in park and conservation easement projects throughout Travis County. In the eastern part of the county, funds will be used to build a 19-mile system of parks along the Colorado River and its tributaries and to improve Northeast Metropolitan Park. In western Travis County, funds will be used to acquire land or interest in parkland, to build a sports complex near Lakeway, and to expand overnight facilities at Arkansas Bend Park. Funds for conservation easements will be used throughout Travis County for projects protecting natural and cultural resources.

Travis Audubon is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting the enjoyment, understanding, and conservation of native birds and their habitats. Founded in 1952, Travis Audubon is Austin's oldest conservation organization.