Hill Country Alliance updates:

Great big thanks to those who showed up and endured a full day at Travis County Commissioners Court debating Sweetwater. The Hill Country Alliance and others including Commissioners Sonleitner and Davis, expressed disappointment about the fact that this project is being reviewed under the old subdivision rules instead of the interim rules that are in place today. Other key issues for the community include traffic along Highway 71, storm water runoff into Bee Creek, a wastewater treatment plant within a mile of Lake Travis and the proposal to pump and haul raw sewage down Highway 71 for 13 months until the wastewater treatment system is finished. Bill Bunch with SOS provided some valuable testimony today offering some legal options to the Court, one being to table this decision until December when the widening of Hwy 71 is scheduled for completion. The Court decided to postpone action for another week. A proposal should be available for review on Friday. We'll keep you posted.

Mark your calendar now, HCA will be co-hosting along with OHAN, a District 47 Candidates Debate on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Oak Hill. Details will be sent in the next few days. Stay tuned please.

Envision Central Texas has announced ECT Community Stewardship Awards program. The program has been created to recognize and honor the innovative people, projects and processes that are addressing the growth challenges facing our region in ways that will move us closer to a vision for our future that preserves and enhances our natural resources, economic vitality, social equity and overall quality of living. For more information see: <u>http://www.envisioncentraltexas.org/callforentries.htm</u>

Cheers,

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