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County of Travis

of Austin,  
and State of Texas,

and

(2) Joel L. Smith  
County of Williamson

of Round Rock,  
and State of Texas,

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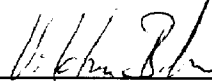
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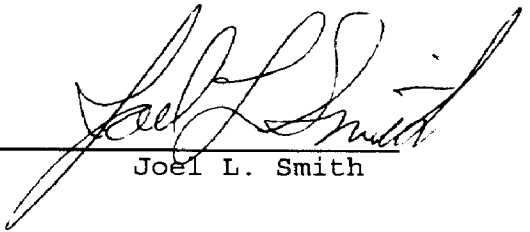
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Joel L. Smith