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Dear Judge and Commissioners of Bexar County,

We write to you with respect for your service—and with a deep sense of responsibility to the voters of Bexar County and to the public trust they placed in all of us on November 4, 2025, when they overwhelmingly approved Proposition A. Voters authorized funding “to provide for the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, renovation, and financing of the Freeman Coliseum, Frost Bank Center, and other San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo facilities ... and related infrastructure...as designated and described by the County’s resolution dated June 10, 2025 (the “Resolution”).”

As you will recall, the Resolution, which was expressly incorporated into Proposition A, provides as follows:

**“WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Bexar County (“County”) has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the County and its citizens to...renovate and construct new and existing barns, livestock and other facilities located on Coliseum grounds to support and enhance the operations of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (“SALE”) which operates the annual San Antonio Rodeo and related events;”** (emphasis added).

The Court has been presented with an alternative vision advanced by the Hunt Companies and Lincoln Group that was not presented to voters, not described on the ballot, and not approved by the public. While we respect the role that private development can play in economic growth, substituting a developer-driven, mixed-use plan for the voter-approved Rodeo-first plan breaks faith with the electorate.

This new proposed plan would not support and enhance the operations of SALE; rather it would materially hinder and diminish our operations. It would restrict the Stock Show & Rodeo and not allow it to grow. It would accomplish precisely the opposite of what voters approved, and the use of funds authorized by Proposition A to implement the new proposed plan would contravene the express terms of Proposition A.

The Coliseum grounds exist because of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. The land itself was donated in 1949 and the deed restrictions outlined its express purpose for the agriculture and livestock exposition, as reflected in H.B. 812, Section 7. The creation of the Coliseum Advisory Board (CAB) was authorized solely for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and promoting that project. Any contracts or development must be connected with or incident to that purpose, and the new funding authorized by the voters must support and enhance SALE's operations.

The economic, cultural, and civic value of this property has been built over more than 75 years by a proven, internationally recognized event that already generates substantial economic impact for Bexar County. The Rodeo is the anchor tenant and economic driver of the site. Any development should support its activities, not compete with them. Private development can complement that success, but it cannot compromise it, displace it, or subordinate it. If the Rodeo becomes secondary, you would no longer be complying with the express purpose of this public property.

The proposal currently being discussed introduces real and material operational conflicts that directly contradict the standard that no development, use, or activity shall materially interfere with, restrict, or impair Rodeo operations, including but not limited to noise, traffic, access, livestock movement, event scheduling, and safety requirements.

Parking is not just a count of spaces—it is proximity, timing, turnover, and flow. Ten-thousand seven-hundred scattered, structured spaces do not function like open, proximate parking fields during Rodeo peak. Structured parking cannot handle peak ingress and egress for more than 1.5 million attendees. Fragmentation degrades safety, increases delay, and erodes the attendee experience.

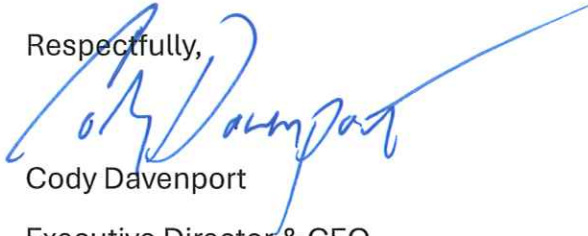
The Rodeo requires wide, uninterrupted access routes; dedicated staging areas for 18-wheel livestock trailers; and freedom to close roads, reverse traffic flow, and adjust logistics dynamically. A mixed-use pedestrian district with internal streets, retail traffic, and public plazas is fundamentally incompatible with large-scale livestock operations.

Flexible open space is not excess land—it is the key enabler of scale, providing overflow parking, temporary barns and structures, and surge capacity during

peak events. Once land is locked into permanent development, that flexibility is lost forever. Without it, the Rodeo cannot expand as promised to the voters.

We strongly support and are in favor of smart, compatible development and recognize the County's desire for long-term economic growth. We respectfully ask you to stand firm, protect the plan voters approved, and ensure that Rodeo-first infrastructure is delivered exactly as promised.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cody Davenport", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Cody Davenport

Executive Director & CEO