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TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

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SUBJECT: Report of the Travis County Health Authority

Pursuant to Chapter 751, Texas Mass Gathering Act, section 751.005(b), *"The county health authority shall inquire into preparations for the mass gathering. At least five days before the date on which the hearing prescribed by Section 751.006 is held, the county health authority shall submit to the county judge a report stating whether the health authority believes that the minimum standards of health and sanitation prescribed by state and local laws, rules, and orders will be maintained."*

Staff of the City of Austin and Travis County Health Departments have reviewed various documents provided by appropriate representatives of Circuit of the Americas and Sodexo including, but not limited to, food service policies, water and waste water plans and other related information regarding the provision of food and other concessions for the public. Further, staff have reviewed provisions for public safety as it relates to the attention to illness or injury on site.

COTA-Sodexo appear to have policies and practices in place that address the safety of the public, in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code provisions, and including, but not limited to, Chapter 751, Texas Mass Gathering Act.

Please note that this report does not include the actual inspection of kitchens, food delivery mechanisms and staff licenses and/or certifications as provided by the Texas Health and Safety Code. Personnel of the City of Austin, acting as agents of Travis County by Inter local agreement, will inspect, review and assess compliance with Texas statutes governing food and safety as these facilities are completed and-or established and prior to services being rendered to the public.