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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Sam Biscoe, County Judge
Honorable Ron Davis, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Honorable Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Honorable Karen Huber, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Honorable Margaret Gomez, Commissioner, Precinct 4

FROM: Sheriff Greg Hamilton *By Phyllis Clair Major & E. Burian*

SUBJECT: Mass Gathering Permit Filed by the Circuit of the Americas and Formula One
Related to the November 2012 events

The Travis County Sheriff's Office has received and reviewed the required paperwork related to the mass gathering permit filed by the Circuit of the Americas and Formula One as required by statute and Travis County.

As the permit pertains to Title 9, Subtitle A, Chapter 751 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 751.005 requires the Sheriff to investigate preparations for a mass gathering of persons that meet the criteria of the statute. The Sheriff is to submit to the County Judge a report stating whether the Sheriff believes that the minimum standards for ensuring public safety and order that are prescribed by state and local laws, rules and orders will be maintained.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office has reviewed the documents and plans submitted as part of the application to include the;

- Public Safety Plan
- Traffic / Transportation Management Plan

After review of said plans, it is the opinion of the Travis County Sheriff's Office staff, and I as Travis County Sheriff, that these plans meet the minimum standards as listed in statute.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office understands that these minimum plans will continue to be refined over the upcoming months before the event and will continue to work with all public service entities involved in this event as well as COTA and Formula One staff. We feel that these relationships are key to keeping the staff and public safe during the event.

My staff will be actively engaged in ensuring that not only are the circumstances surrounding the event managed in a safe manner, but that the safety and security of the entire county be maintained during this time. I am committed to make certain large events of this nature do not take away from the high standard of service that our citizens are entitled to. Thus, TCSO will work as a team in conjunction with our municipal and state partners, ensuring the safety of our entire community and region.

Furthermore, it is my intent to ensure that the plans that we have received are practiced as much as practical before this event. My staff will work with COTA on seizing opportunities to practice and evolve the plans so that all strategies proposed in the documents are viable and reasonable responses to the myriad of occurrences that might affect the event. Some of those matters such as weather are not within our control, but our responses to them certainly are.

In closing, I have been impressed so far with the efforts of COTA and Formula One in listening to local input into how we manage events and incidents in our region. They have been willing to modify procedures to meet our needs while meeting their own as well. I would expect such cooperation to continue prior to and during this event and will continue to demand a unified approach to the management of such large events in my legal jurisdiction

If you have any questions please contact my office at 854-9770.

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