



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2014
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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Daugherty

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

APPROVE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF ANDREA SLOAN.

SUMMARY AND IGR RECOMMENDATION:

Austin attorney **Andrea Sloan**, the Executive Director of the Texas Advocacy Project, succumbed to cancer after a seven-year struggle on January 1, 2014. The Texas Advocacy Project, which provides free legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking throughout Texas, worked closely with the Travis County Sheriff's Office and other community groups to promote domestic violence awareness.

IGR recommends that the Commissioners Court adopt the enclosed resolution honoring her life and her service to the people of Travis County and of Texas, and execute two copies of it for her family.

NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY OR BE INVOLVED WITH THIS REQUEST:

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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LIFE OF
ANDREA SLOAN**

WHEREAS, Andrea Sloan was born on January 23, 1968, and graduated from high school in Tyler, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Andrea attended the University of Texas at Austin, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Government and a Juris Doctor degree, serving as a legislative aide to Representatives James Hury and Jim McReynolds during that time; and,

WHEREAS, Andrea began practicing law while also serving her community through leadership roles in organizations like the Texas Freedom Network, the Texas Hill Country Ride for AIDS and United Way of Central Texas; and,

WHEREAS, in 2005 she was named Executive Director and General Counsel for the Texas Advocacy Project, where she oversaw a staff of attorneys providing free legal services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for almost a decade; and,

WHEREAS, Andrea and the Texas Advocacy Project worked closely with the Travis County Sheriff's Office on community outreach and education programs regarding domestic violence awareness; and,

WHEREAS, Andrea was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2006 and waged an inspiring struggle against the disease, living her joy-filled life while enlisting thousands in "Andi's Army" in an ongoing battle to reform the pharmaceutical industry's compassionate use policies; and,

WHEREAS, Andrea lost her battle with cancer on January 1, 2014, and Andrea's friends and family will celebrate her life in a memorial service to be held on Friday, January 31; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Travis County and the entire state of Texas benefitted from her extraordinary life and passionate commitment to "serving up a bowl of justice," as she liked to say; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Travis County Commissioners Court honors the life and work of Andrea Sloan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Travis County Commissioners Court requests this resolution be shared with her family as a token of its respect and an expression of its condolences.

IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 28th day of January, 2014.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

RON DAVIS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

BRUCE TODD
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

GERALD DAUGHERTY
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

MARGARET J. GÓMEZ
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4