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Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Mr. Kyle:


Pursuant to Sec. 19.03. ("Amendment by petition") of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, we, the undersigned registered voters of Nashville and Davidson County, hereby seek to initiate an amendment to the Charter by petition. Specifically, we seek to amend Sec. 11.602.(d) of the Charter relative to the functions and duties of the Metro Board of Fair Commissioners.

As required by Sec. 19.03.(b), below is information to initiate amending Sec. 11.602.(d):

1. **Title of the proposed amendment:** Adding affordable housing, removing auto racing from list of required activities at the Nashville Fairgrounds.
2. **Explanatory summary of the proposed amendment (not to exceed 200 words):** The proposed amendment would revise the first sentence of Sec. 11.602.(d) to remove "Auto Racing" as an activity required to be conducted at the fairgrounds and replace it with the term "Affordable Housing." Further, the proposed amendment would correct grammatical errors and remove the outdated reference to "December 31, 2010."
3. **Text of the proposed amendment:** The proposed amendment would delete the first sentence of Sec. 11.602.(d) and replace it with the following sentence: "Conduct activities on the premises of the Tennessee State Fairgrounds including, but not limited to, the Tennessee State Fair, Expo Center Events, Flea Markets, and Affordable Housing."
4. **Statement of the financial impact of the proposed amendment:** The proposed amendment would not have a financial impact on the Metro Government's budget, as evidenced by the fact that housing is currently being developed at the fairgrounds, at minimal or no cost to the Board of Fair Commissioners.

In addition to the above information, attached as Exhibit A to this letter is a copy of Sec. 11.602. depicting the proposed amendment in redline edits.

Should you have any questions or need more information regarding this proposed amendment, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Sincerely,


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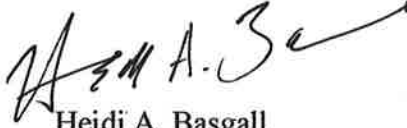

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EXHIBIT A

Sec. 11.602. - Functions and duties.

It shall be the duty of the metropolitan board of fair commissioners to:

- (a) Exercise all the powers and perform all the duties heretofore or hereafter imposed on the Board of Fair Commissioners of Davidson County, as established by chapter 490 of the Acts of Tennessee for 1909 and chapter 515 of the Private Acts of 1923 and amendments thereto.
- (b) Within the limitation of its budget appropriation and funds otherwise available, employ and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary.
- (c) Perform such other duties as may be imposed upon the board by ordinance.
- (d) **Conduct activities** ~~All activities being conducted~~ on the premises of the Tennessee State Fairgrounds ~~as of December 31, 2010~~, including, but not limited to, the Tennessee State Fair, Expo Center Events, Flea Markets, and **Affordable Housing** ~~Auto Racing, shall be continued on the same site.~~ No demolition of the premises shall be allowed to occur without approval by ordinance receiving 27 votes by the Metropolitan Council or amendment to the Metropolitan Charter.

(Amended by Amdt. 1 to referendum petition approved August 4, 2011)