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Mueller Developer Opposes Charter Amendment

Catellus, the master developer of Mueller Airport Redevelopment, respectfully **opposes Proposition 2** on the Austin's November ballot - known as the "Stop Domain Subsidies" charter amendment.

Citizen support and participation has been instrumental in making Mueller the groundbreaking model of progressive development that it is today. The Mueller master plan and development agreement are the fruit of many years of collaboration among citizens, the City of Austin and the developer. Mueller's success so far is a direct result of that collaboration.

After careful review of this amendment by legal counsel, it is clear to us that if it passes it will have a negative impact on Mueller. We also feel this charter amendment will make it harder, not easier, for the community, the city and developers to achieve the Mueller model of responsible, successful development with ample community benefits - such as parks and affordable housing - that fulfill the spirit of true public/private ventures.

Public sector leaders and private developers should be able to use a variety of tools and financing mechanisms to craft partnerships that create the most value for the city, its citizens, and the private investors.

It would be unfortunate that an ill-advised change to the charter, if passed, would negatively impact the Mueller project and impair the opportunity to recreate the success of Mueller.