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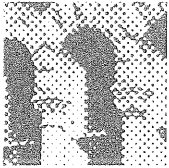
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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Will Wynn  
 Mayor, City of Austin  
 P. O. Box 1088  
 Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Mayor,

The Heritage Society of Austin wishes to convey its support for re-naming the area currently known as Town Lake Park to "Butler Park."



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Our Preservation Committee recently reviewed a brief made available to City Council and staff that includes documents obtained from the Austin History Center. The brief describes the history of the area on the South shore of the Colorado River between Barton Springs and South 1st Street. According to Travis County deed records, the land was contributed by the Butler family to the City of Austin in 1941. The brief recounts that the Austin City Council honored the Butler Family in 1964 for their contribution of this land in a resolution bestowing the name "Butler Civic Center" and "Butler Shores" to portions of this property. The intent of these actions should be upheld.

It is the mission of the Heritage Society of Austin to preserve the unique heritage of our city. To honor the Butler family for their contributions to the heritage of Austin, and particularly as regards this treasured asset of our city, the Heritage Society of Austin supports re-naming the current Town Lake Park as "Butler Park." With this designation for the entire park, individual features of the park could be named for other notable Austinites.

Sincerely,

  
 John Philip Donisi  
 President, Heritage Society of Austin

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