

LATE TESTIMONY

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
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Comments:
January 26, 2012

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The proposed multi-structure parking lot would support the park users and also the UH JABSOM and Cancer Research Center on land that includes berms left by the landfill closure. This area is currently the location of the open air amphitheater that used for concerts. The master plan also includes plans for a proposed Performing Arts Center.

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