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Thanksgiving*

# Highland Park West Balcones Area

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Non-emergency Police (coyote sighting, etc.) .....311  
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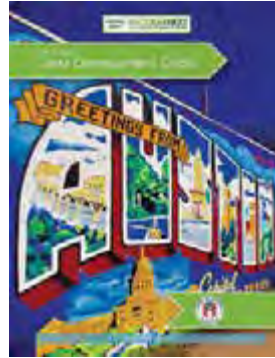
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The Information provided below is from  
*Community not Commodity*  
(CNC: <https://communitynotcommodity.com/>)

## How the Land Development Code Will Impact Our Neighborhood

*by Community Not Commodity*



With the release of its latest draft of CodeNEXT and the accompanying Zoning Map on October 4, 2019, the City revealed its proposed vision for the future of our and other single-family neighborhoods.

The current draft promotes the redevelopment in the boundaries of the Highland Park West- Balcones Area (HPWBNA) by shrinking its single-family area, disrupting its residential scale and density, creating a multi-unit zone, allowing 90 (60+30 bonus) feet buildings

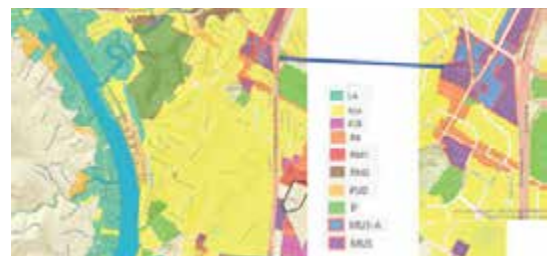
on commercial space, and sets the stage for future densification that stretches even deeper into the neighborhood. In doing so, we believe the City has given little consideration for the walkability of our streets and safety of our school children, our tree canopy, local flooding problems, traffic congestion, accessible parking, and the rights of families, who have built their lives here.

### Here is a general overview of the residential impact:

1. The City will be reducing the minimum lot size for most properties in HPWBA to 2,500 sf. This is because most lots are zoned R2A (yellow on the map below). Reductions in square footage also apply to the red, orange, pink, and green lots on the map below. A 10,000-sf lot (a little less than 1/4th of an acre) can be subdivided administratively, without public notice, into two lots with double the allowed units per each lot.

2. The owners or purchasers of all homes that are at least 30 years old (most of the homes in our area) can add two additional dwelling units for a total of three residences (the existing home plus a duplex) on a 5,000-sf lot. Parking for the additional units is not required with a 1/4 mile of a corridor.

3. The City proposes to create "transition zones" along parts of Hancock, 35th, Bull Creek, and Balcones Drive north of Hancock. The proposed transition zones are represented by the red and orange lots on the map:



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## Land Development Code... (Continued from Page 2)

4. There are two levels of density in transition zones: RM1 (red) and R4 (orange). The RM1 designation allows 6 – 10 residential units in one or more structures on a 5,000 sf lot (less than 1/8th of an acre). RM1 allows a home-based business with up to 2 employees not residing there and retail sales. The R4 zone permits 4 -8 units on a 5,000 sf lot. If the lot is 10,000 sf, it can be subdivided and these units numbers can be placed on both subdivided lots. The City is setting the occupancy limit under the new code at six unrelated adults per dwelling unit.

5. For lots within ¼ mile of the transition zones, residential parking requirement for redeveloped properties will be at 50% of an already reduced parking standard. That would work out to one space for every two dwellings. If the City administratively classifies sidewalks as a high priority, no parking is required even before the sidewalks are built. Parking will be on the street.

6. The buildings in transition zones can be as much as 40 – 45 feet in height (or 3-4 stories). Previously the public was told that they would be residential house scale. Homeowners remaining in the transition zones do not receive the protection of compatibility standards.

7. The commercial zones off Balcones, 35th and Hancock (purple on the map) now will be able to build up to 90 feet tall (with a fee-in-lieu) in some circumstances. This could impact traffic and compatibility problems. Bars and entertainment businesses may expand because these zoning changes no longer will need to go before council but can be granted by staff alone.

8. Single-family homes are no longer an “allowed use” in transition zones –if there is a vacant lot today, an owner or purchaser of the property would not be permitted to build a single-family home after the adoption of CodeNEXT. For existing single-family homes, the City says it will allow that use to be continued, expanded, or rebuilt as long as the use continues. If the owner discontinues a single-family use for a prescribed period, it cannot be resumed. Of course, an owner or purchaser can demolish the home and build a multi-unit structure at any time. The transition zone will set a precedent for further zoning changes outside the zone as investors

and developers purchase adjoining lots from homeowners who don't want to live on congested streets next to a 3-4 story building.

9. The City will increase the allowable impervious cover on residential lots in the transition zone even on those blocks where the City has identified local flooding and drainage problems.



10. The City believes it can deny homeowners and residents the official notice, hearing, and protest rights that would apply to a zoning case. The City plans to try to rezone your property without your consent, without the customary hearing, and over your objection.

### IMPORTANT MEETING DATE:

The City Council is only having one public hearing which will take place on November 15th. Please plan to attend and express your views.

### Here is another key action you can take:

Email the Mayor and tell him what you think of the City's vision for our city.

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Send a copy to **Council Member Alison Alter:** [alison.alter@austintexas.gov](mailto:alison.alter@austintexas.gov) | 512-978-2110

Resources:

The City's Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/land-development-code-drafts>

CNC: <https://communitynotcommodity.com/>

The Zoned Out Movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsYOurWEoSc&feature=youtu.be>



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## 2019 Membership Survey

A survey was included with the 2019 membership renewal form so that neighbors can express the areas of emphasis for the HPWBANA Board.

122 survey responses were received through September 23. The number of years living in the neighborhood ranged from 1 to 68 years with the average being 23 years. The respondents were asked to rate which category was most important on a scale of 1-7 with 1 equaling the greatest importance and 7 equaling the least importance. The results are:

	Traffic	Pedestrian/ Bike Access/ Sidewalks	Wildfire Concerns	Parks/ Landscape	Neighborhood Preservation	City Services	Crime
Number of Times Selected as 1	29 26%	15 13%	10 9%	8 7%	29 26%	9 8%	12 11%
Number of Times Selected as 2	18 19%	13 13%	9 9%	12 12%	12 12%	19 20%	14 14%
Number of Times Selected as 3	17 17%	13 13%	7 7%	17 17%	18 18%	13 13%	14 14%
Number of Times Selected as 4	10 13%	11 14%	7 9%	20 25%	7 9%	16 20%	8 10%
Number of Times Selected as 5	7 10%	10 14%	7 10%	14 19%	8 11%	14 19%	13 18%
Number of Times Selected as 6	9 12%	13 17%	18 24%	7 9%	9 12%	7 9%	13 17%
Number of Times Selected as 7	4 5%	12 16%	28 38%	5 7%	7 10%	6 8%	11 15%
Number of Times X is selected	3 33%	2 22%	2 22%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 11%

When looking at a breakdown of responses based on 10 year increments, the top three categories selected as 1 are:

0-10 Year Residents:	Traffic at 40%;	Neighborhood Preservation and Crime Tied at 20%
11-20 Year Residents:	Neighborhood Preservation at 35%; Traffic and City Services Tied at 18%	
21-30 Year Residents:	Neighborhood Preservation at 30%; Traffic, Pedestrian/Bike Access/Sidewalks and Crime Tied at 15%	
31-40 Year Residents:	Traffic and Neighborhood Preservation Tied at 24%; Pedestrian/Bike Access/Sidewalks and Wildfire Concerns Tied at 18%	
≥ 41 Year Residents:	Traffic at 29%;	Neighborhood Preservation at 23% with Pedestrian/Bike Access/Sidewalks and City Services Tied at 13%

So, the two issues that concern most residents, irrespective of their time living in the neighborhood, are Traffic and Neighborhood Preservation.

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## HPWBANA Director Positions to be Voted on at Annual Meeting

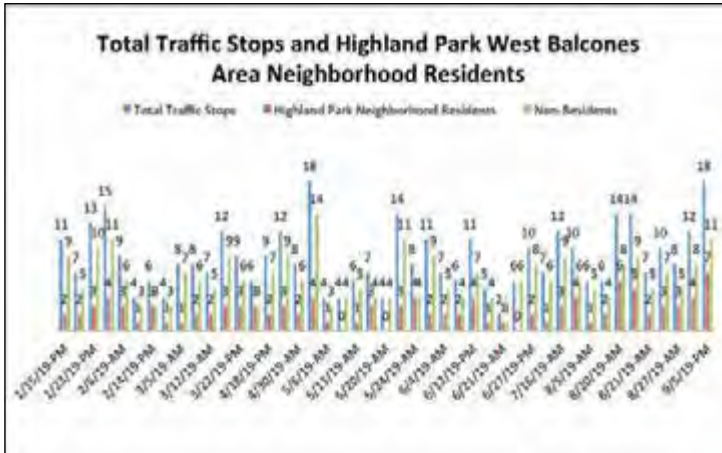
Five HPWBANA Director positions will be up for election to the Board at the fall annual neighborhood meeting (date still to be announced). The Director positions are for a two year term and are open to any dues paying member (\$20 for an individual or \$25 for a household) of HPWBANA. A nominating committee will deliver a report at the annual meeting and any member in good standing may also nominate from the floor at the meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the HPWBANA Board of Directors, please contact a Board Officer ([president@hpwbana.org](mailto:president@hpwbana.org), [secretary@hpwbana.org](mailto:secretary@hpwbana.org), [vp@hpwbana.org](mailto:vp@hpwbana.org), or [treasurer@hpwbana.org](mailto:treasurer@hpwbana.org)).

For more information about HPWBANA and the By-Laws of the Association: <http://hpwbana.org/resources/hpwbana-bylaws>.



# 2019 REPORT ON CONSTABLE PATROL



Little neighborhood patrolling can be accomplished by the Austin Police Department since officers are generally going from call-to-call. It is unfortunate that the City does not provide enough support to allow neighborhood police patrolling on any regular or consistent basis. To address the patrol need and speeding issues on our streets and around the school, several residents have voluntarily funded supplemental patrolling and enforcement of speed limits within the neighborhood by a Constable beginning in early 2015. Emphasis is placed on traffic enforcement on Perry Lane, Hancock Drive (from Bull Creek Road to Balcones), Balcones Drive (from 35th Street to RM 2222), and on neighborhood patrolling.

Supplemental traffic enforcement charts through September 6, 2019 follow. **Please note that 72% (284 out of 395) of the traffic stops for 2019 continue to be of drivers who do not live in the Highland Park West Balcones Area. 74% (495 out of 672) of the traffic stops for 2018 and 74% (501 out of 681) of the traffic stops in 2017 were of drivers who do not live in the Highland Park West Balcones Area. For 2016, 66% (250 out of 378) and for 2015, 48 % (157 out of 328) of the traffic stops by the Constable were of drivers who did not live in the Highland Park West Balcones Area. Traffic enforcement is a key element for safety in the neighborhood. Neighborhood residents have slowed down but the other traffic has not. Traffic enforcement is a key element for safety in the neighborhood.**

The cost of this effort is \$65/hour for Constable patrol/enforcement time. Now is the time for other residents who support an increased law enforcement presence in the neighborhood to join in funding this. Increased law enforcement presence should help deter vandalism, burglaries, and auto break-ins. Please consider making a donation for 1, 2, 5, or more hours of patrol time. To contribute to this effort, you may donate through <http://hpwbana.org/get-involved/join-hpwbana>, or you may contact me at [psybesma@austin.rr.com](mailto:psybesma@austin.rr.com).

APD resources are directed where there is the most need to preserve life and property, and speeding and patrolling suffer. We

live in a low crime area. There are not enough patrol officers for APD. The ones who are here are going from call to call with very little time for patrolling. At a 2015 APD Commander's Forum for our area, the question was asked about on-duty Directed Patrols. The Commander supported them, when there is time, but if there is an emergency in the area, the Directed Patrol officer would be expected (and may be dispatched) to respond to the emergency. At subsequent Commander's Forum meetings, the answer has remained the same. And since the worst speeding times that have been communicated to the HPWBANA Board coincide with the morning and afternoon rush-hours, our experience of the availability of on-duty APD patrolling has been disappointing. So, our Council needs to know that more APD officers are necessary and should be funded. And there is a whole other discussion on the priorities of services that the City provides: Public Safety-Parks and Recreation-Libraries-Roads-etc., as well as the tax bite from all the taxing jurisdictions.

Thank you for your continued support. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to also support this effort. The current HPWBANA Board supports this initiative and approved \$2,400 funding in the 2019 budget.

## What else can you do?

1. Be aware of the speed limits and observe them.
2. Help with funding patrols by the Constable. The cost of the patrol effort is \$65/hour.
3. Purchase a "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here"® yard sign for your yard. The yard signs are available on-line for \$12.99 each (shipping included) at [http://drivelikeyourkidslivehere.com/our\\_store/17/yard-sign](http://drivelikeyourkidslivehere.com/our_store/17/yard-sign)
4. Let the City Council Members know of support for funding more APD officers for patrol.
5. And, become a member of HPWBANA, your Neighborhood Association at <http://hpwbana.org/>.

# Highland Park West Balcones Area

## From Austin Firewise Alliance

Thanks to the Austin Firewise Alliance, we now know the importance of having Firewise communities. The first step to making your home safer before a wildfire occurs is by having your home evaluated. All research around home destruction and home survival point to embers and small flames as the way the majority of homes ignite in wildfires.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends methods to prepare your home to withstand ember attack and minimize the likelihood of flames or surface fire touching the home or any attachments (fences, decks, porches) as the first place for homeowners to start working to prepare their properties.

By having your home evaluated, you will be doing your part in the planning, understanding and preparation of creating a more fire-safe environment for you, your family, the community, and the local firefighters. You can fire harden your home and landscape to establish your defensible zones. The brochure **“Be Embers Aware”** explains in detail what you can do in Zones 1, 2 and 3 around your home and property. **“Firewise Landscaping in Texas”** and **“Ready, Set, Go! Your Personal Wildland Fire Action Guide”** are two additional brochures that can assist you in creating the protection your home needs. Because of where we live in Central Texas, we are at high risk due to ongoing droughts. All three booklets will reinforce the suggestions for your home made by the Firewise evaluators. By implementing your evaluation suggestions, you can begin to fire-harden your home, thus helping your family, your neighbors, and better assist the firefighters in their work.

**To schedule a “Home Wildfire Risk Evaluation,” call 311 and ask for the Wildfire Division.**

**For additional information, here are a few resources for you:**

Sign up by registering for CAPCOG’s Emergency Notification System at [www.warncentraltexas.org](http://www.warncentraltexas.org) to get warnings about wildfire threats in the area (and/or emergency notifications).

Go to Austin Fire Department website for the Wildfire Division, which explains their work and programs: <http://atxwildfire.org>

Look for current information on wildfires and how to minimize risks from them and background on creating a fire-hardened home and landscape tips by visiting: [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

Information from the National Fire Protection Association can be obtained by accessing: <https://fireadapted.org>

Additional Resources:

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AFD Wildfire Division

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## HPWBANA Joins NWACA Requesting Safety Improvements to RM2222

After the tragic accident on RM 2222 that claimed the lives of Cedric Benson and Aamna Najim in August, the two Neighborhood Associations that have RM 2222 as their contiguous boundary have great concern about the safety of RM 2222 between Mesa Drive and Loop 360, especially around the eastern intersection of Mount Bonnell Road and RM 2222, and further to the west. Both Neighborhood Associations adopted resolutions and sent them to the Texas Department of Transportation (who has jurisdiction over RM 2222) and the City of Austin.

“Be it resolved, The Board of HPWBANA requests that the Texas Department of Transportation regularly clear the right of way near these intersections (Mount Bonnell Road and RM 2222) to maximize the safety of drivers attempting to enter RM 2222. Furthermore, HPWBANA requests that, in consultation with the City of Austin, a study be made of the eastern intersection of Mount Bonnell Road and RM 2222 for additional traffic safety improvements including, but not limited to, a traffic signal, a reduction in speed or a no left turn.”

On September 23 the Association received a letter of response from the Executive Director of TxDOT, James M. Bass:

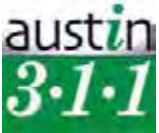
“Safety is our top priority at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and we take this responsibility very seriously. We review all fatal crashes that occur on our state highway system to better understand the reason for the incident, and to see how we can work to prevent additional crashes from happening in the future.

“TxDOT is currently working with our partner, the City of Austin, to identify possible solutions that could make this intersection safer. Any intersection changes would certainly come with the corresponding sign upgrades to reflect these improvements. In the meantime, our TxDOT crews will be removing brush and vegetation that may inhibit sight distance at the intersection.”



# City of Austin 311 Mobile Application – A Great Way to Report Issues in Our Neighborhood

by Dena Houston



In September, I noticed a “Do Not Enter” sign that was so faded and hidden that it was no longer effective. I took a picture and submitted it on the City of Austin 311 app. Within a week, it had been replaced!

This app can be downloaded by going to Google Play or the Apple App Store. When you report a problem using the app, you will receive a service request number. You can check the status of your request and see other requests that have been submitted. You can also add a photo; it helps the City fix the problem quicker.

I encourage my Highland Park neighbors to use this app to report non-emergency situations like potholes, graffiti, loose dogs, defective traffic signs, etc.

Below are the before and after pictures of my service request.

**Before**



**After**



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# LETTUCE RECYCLE! The Plastic Bag Conundrum!

by Dena Houston

Plastic bags cause some of the biggest problems in the recycling world. Many plastic bags are marked “recyclable”; that makes people think they can be placed in any recycling cart. In fact, plastic bags can **ONLY** go to a special plastic bag collection bin. These collection bins are found at most grocery stores (see photo).

Plastic bags can **NOT** go into the blue curbside collection cart. Plastic bags get caught in the machinery at the recycling facility and their removal is costly.

Plastic bags can **NOT** go into the green curbside compost collection cart; they do not compost. **ONLY COMPOSTABLE BAGS** can go into the green carts.

Most plastic bags can go into the plastic and film collection bins at the grocery stores. Following is a list of what can go into these bins:



- Clean and dry zip lock bags
- Plastic cereal box liners
- Air pillows for shipping (deflate)
- Bubble wrap
- Shopping bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags (remove labels)
- Newspaper bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Product wrap on cases of water bottles, paper towels, etc.
- Plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels)

There are some plastics that cannot go into these bins because they are treated with special polymers. These polymers help keep food fresh or allow the plastic to hold more weight. This treatment prevents the plastic from being recycled. The following plastics can **NOT** go into grocery store collection bins and must go into the trash cart:

- Frozen food plastic bags
- Plastic bags for soil, fertilizer and compost
- Prewashed salad mix bags
- Candy bar wrappers
- Chip bags
- Six-pack rings

Here is the website for plastic bag collection <<https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>>

## CELLOPHANE AND FOOD-CONTAMINATED PLASTIC CONUNDRUM!

At this time, there is no way to recycle cellophane – UGH! So many things come packaged in cellophane or what seems like cellophane – pasta is one good example.

## HOW DO YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CELLOPHANE AND RECYCLABLE PLASTIC?

Cellophane makes a crinkling noise and is usually transparent. It must go into the trash cart.

Plastic that has food product on it cannot be recycled. For example, hot dog plastic wrappers, bags with shredded or packaged cheese, and plastic that comes wrapped around hams or turkeys must all be placed in the trash carts.

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*Lettuce Recycle... (Continued from Page 8)*

## QUESTION FROM A READER:

**IF I DON'T KNOW IF SOMETHING CAN BE PUT INTO THE BLUE OR GREEN COLLECTION BINS, SHOULD I THROW IT IN ANYWAY AND LET IT BE SORTED BY THE CITY?**

This is a great question and the answer is NO! If you are unsure about whether or not something can go into either of these bins, put the items into your trash cart. It is very costly to everyone when the wrong things go into our recycling and composting bins.

**PLEASE REMEMBER, WHEN IT COMES TO RECYCLING:**

**WHEN IN DOUBT – THROW IT OUT!**

Here is a very informative City of Austin recycling website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>

Stay tuned for future tips that will include creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to: [recycling@hpwbana.org](mailto:recycling@hpwbana.org)



**Just a friendly reminder – do not put plastic bags in your blue recycling bin.**



*And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.*  
– Oscar Wilde

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## Fun Facts About Thanksgiving



1. Thanksgiving is not a happy time for turkeys. Americans consume about 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving! However, not everyone eats turkey, 12% of Americans do not eat turkey (National Turkey Federation).

2. President George H.W. Bush pardoned the first turkey in 1989 after he noticed the 50-pound bird at his official Thanksgiving proclamation looked a little antsy. Every president has upheld the tradition to this day. But what happens to that lucky bird that gets to squawk another day? In 2005 and 2009, the turkeys went to Disneyland and Walt Disney World parks to serve as grand marshal in their annual Thanksgiving parades. (goodhousekeeping.com)


3. Not all turkeys actually gobble. Only male turkeys gobble. Females actually make a cackling sound. (goodhousekeeping.com)

4. In 1953, a Swanson employee accidentally ordered 260 tons of turkey. Salesman Gerry Thomas came up with an idea, as he thought about airplane food. Using that as inspiration, the company filled 5,000 aluminum trays with turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, peas, and sweet potatoes to make a quick Thanksgiving-like meal. These meals cost about 98 cents at the time. (good housekeeping.com)


5. El Paso residents now claim they had the first Thanksgiving in North America. Spanish explorer Juan de Oñate was said to celebrate a thanksgiving on April 30, 1598. (Texas Almanac)]

6. The University of Texas played its first Thanksgiving game with a win over San Antonio in 1895. Beginning in 1901, they played Texas A&M off and on for years until they split conferences. For many Texas fans, it was a traditional part of their Thanksgiving celebration.

The board of the Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association wishes everyone a joyful Thanksgiving, filled with family, festivities and fun. We are thankful for everyone who is a part of our neighborhood community.



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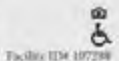


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8-9 Bastrop Veteran's Day Car Show Weekend | [bastropareacruisers.com](http://bastropareacruisers.com) | Bastrop, TX  
9-10 1944 Close Battle Assault - Battle Re-enactment | [Texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org](http://Texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org)  
Camp Mabry  
16-17, 23-24 East Austin Studio Tour | [East.bigmedium.org](http://East.bigmedium.org) | 1501 E. 6th St  
20-24 Junior League's A Christmas Affair | [www.jlaustin.org](http://www.jlaustin.org) | Palmer Events Center  
22-24 Blue Genie Art Bazaar | [bluegenieartbazaar.com](http://bluegenieartbazaar.com) | Marchesa Hall & Theatre  
28 Thundercloud Subs Turkey Trot | [thundercloud.com/register](http://thundercloud.com/register) | The Long Center  
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