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- Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek
- Environment Texas
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- Headwaters Coalition
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- Save Barton Creek Association
- Save Our Springs Alliance
- Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
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The Honorable Mayor Julian Castro
 Members of City Council
 City of San Antonio

Re: ZONING CASE Z2011194 S ERZD

Dear Mayor Castro and City Council Representatives,

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance staff has reviewed plans for the Bee Clean Car Wash #2, to be located at 21040 N. US Hwy. 281, and finds no reason to object to this request for Specific Use Authorization for this project.

We are pleased to note that the plan includes a reduction in Impervious Cover from the allowed 95% to 60% of this site, and that the containment tanks for runoff from drains within the facility have been increased from the minimum recommended by SAWS staff. We would caution that SAWS should be very diligent in regularly inspecting the BMP's for stormwater runoff on this site, to make sure that they are functioning properly.

While we do not feel that the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone is the appropriate site for commercial or residential development exceeding 15% Impervious Cover, we see no reason to object to granting Bee Clean Car Wash their request as this project is in compliance with, and in fact exceeds, current City of San Antonio regulations for protecting the Edwards Aquifer. GEAA recommends that those who reside on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone regularly wash their vehicles to reduce non-point source pollution in stormwater running off roadways that traverse the Recharge Zone. Providing the opportunity to do so with operations, such as Bee Clean, who have demonstrated respect for their duty to prevent pollution is consistent with our recommendations for protecting our groundwater resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments.

Sincerely,

Annalisa Peace
Executive Director