



Dear Travis County,

May we all share Shalom, Salam, Shanti, Heping, Mir, Paz, Paix, Frieden, Peace this Holiday Season!

A friend sent me a lovely holiday letter in which she said, "may we all enjoy the generous gift passing among rich and poor, from every human heart." I could not say it better. So, I am passing it along!

You have provided to us on the Commissioners Court the power to share our collective blessings. This year we have met adversity. We have endured drought, flood and violence. But our community has shared its collective blessings, making a more compassionate and resilient Travis County. Here are a few steps we have taken together in 2015 to lighten the heart of compassion:

- ★ Returned in-person visits and reasonably priced phone calls to inmates and their families;
- ★ Added more than 3000 acres of park and conservation lands; and
- ★ Added 50 miles of bikeways and sidewalks.

Here's my wish list for 2016:

- ★ Our families and our planet need transit. Please help us move through our sensitive environment and get us home in time for dinner on a bus, a train, a bike or on foot;
- ★ Our poorest residents need green spaces, safe and affordable housing and industries committed to employing the community for generations to come. Please help us reclaim flood-prone areas of Southeastern Travis County as resilient, thriving communities; and
- ★ With all the disharmony and violence in the world, we need a place where we can peacefully resolve our disputes and hold each other accountable. Please help us reimagine the way we deliver civil and criminal justice.

Wishing us all Peace on Earth and a Prosperous New Year!

Namaste,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SEK' with a large flourish underneath.

Sarah Eckhardt  
Travis County Judge