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CENTRAL TEXAS INTERFAITH STATEMENT ON AUSTIN ISD AND ROUND ROCK ISD CHAPTER 313 VOTES

Central Texas Interfaith (CTI) commends school board members in Austin ISD and Round Rock ISD for raising serious questions last night about corporate tax giveaways under the state’s failed Chapter 313 program. [After facing near unanimous community opposition led by CTI last night](#), three AISD board members refused to vote to accept NXP’s application for a 10-year tax giveaway. Though a majority of AISD Trustees ultimately voted to receive NXP’s application to initiate a review process, CTI’s opposition forced the company to change its promise of jobs on its Chapter 313 application last night from the bare statutory minimum 25 jobs to their original promise of 500 jobs overall. CTI will continue to advocate that AISD Trustees reject NXP’s final proposal. [Also last night three Round Rock ISD board members voted against even accepting an application from Toppan Photomasks](#), forcing a 3-3 vote and preventing the application from moving forward

[Central Texas Interfaith has publicly opposed all Chapter 313 applications in Central Texas School Districts in recent months](#), including ones in Williamson County (Hutto ISD, Taylor ISD, Round Rock ISD) and Travis County (Austin ISD, Manor ISD, and Del Valle ISD). CTI, its Texas IAF sister organizations, and allies successfully defeated the reauthorization of Chapter 313, [Texas’s largest corporate welfare program, at the legislature in 2021](#). Chapter 313 costs over \$1Billion/year in taxpayer dollars and potential school funding that instead is given to oil, gas, and manufacturing companies in the form of tax breaks. Though the current legislation is set to expire in December of 2022, there is a gold rush of applications by companies wanting to skirt their school district taxes in the form of 10-year abatements.

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