If you need assistance completing this application (general inquires only) please contact Susan Walker, 974-2202; 505 Barton Springs Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (One Texas Center).

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APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

## **REASONABLE USE:**

The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use MIN. LOT SIZE - PROPERTY WAS PLATTED IN 1913 + NEVER REPLAT REAR SETBACK-BUILDING FOOTPRINT IS EXISTANCE SINCE 1912

## HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

PROPERTY AND BUILDING EXISTED PRIOR TO CITY OF AUSTIN ZONING ORDINANCE THAT CREATED NON-COMPUANCE

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

UNFORTANTIEY, HARDSHIP IS GENERAL TO CLARKSVILLE AREA SINCE THERE ARE OTHER PROPERTIES IN AREA NON-COMPLIANT DUE TO CITY ADOPTED REGULATIONS AREA CHARACTER: AFTER NEIGHBORHOOD WAS COMPLETED

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS ALREADY IN EXISTANCE FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS AND ADJACENT OWNERS SUPPORT VARIANCES.

**PARKING:** (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

CURRENT 70' LONG CONCRETE PARKINGS STRIPS BEEN IN EXISTANCE BEFORE CITY PARKING REGULATIONS AND VARIANCE TO REDUCE PARKING REQUIREMENT FROM 3 TO 2 SPACES WILL NOT REDUCE CURRENT EXISTING PARKING CONFIGURAT 2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

GRANTING VARIANCE WILL REDUCE PARKING ON PUBLIC STREET

SINCE MORE THAN 3 CARS PARK ON EXISTING PARKING STRIPS

WITH NO STREET PARKING.

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

IF VARIANCE NOT GRANTED, THEN 3<sup>RD</sup> VEHICLE WILL BE FORCED

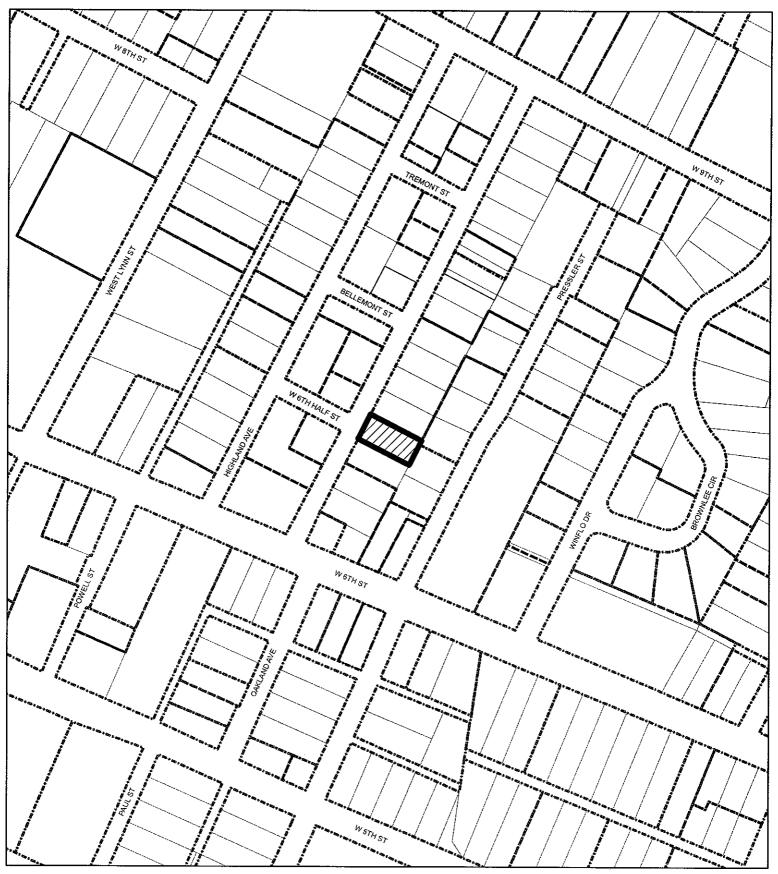
TO PARK ON PUBLIC STREET INCIDENSING SAFETY HAZARD.

THE ONE PARKING SPACE REDUCTION WILL RUN WITH CURRENT MULTIFAMILY USE. IF MORE UNITS ADDED, CITY APPROVAL WOULD REQUIRE MORE PARKING SPACES.

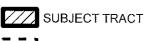
NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATE - I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  Signed Mail Address 1921 LOHMANS CROSSING # 100
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City, State & Zip LAKEWAY, TX 78734
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OWNERS CERTIFICATE - I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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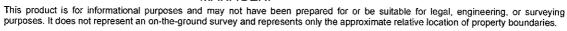
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## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

CASE#: C15-2011-0104 LOCATION: 609 OAKLAND AVE

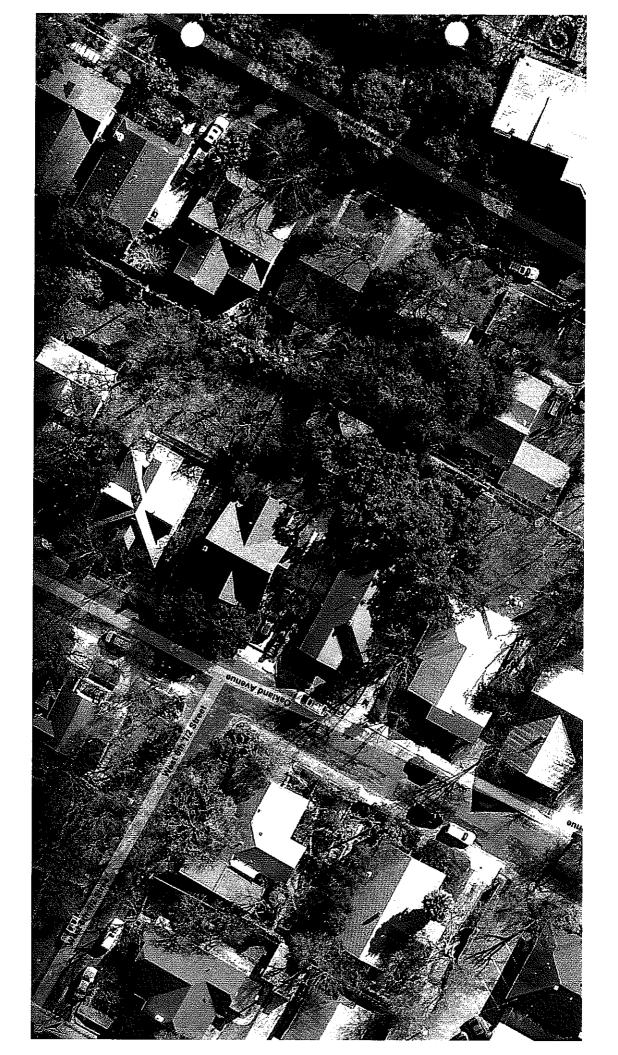
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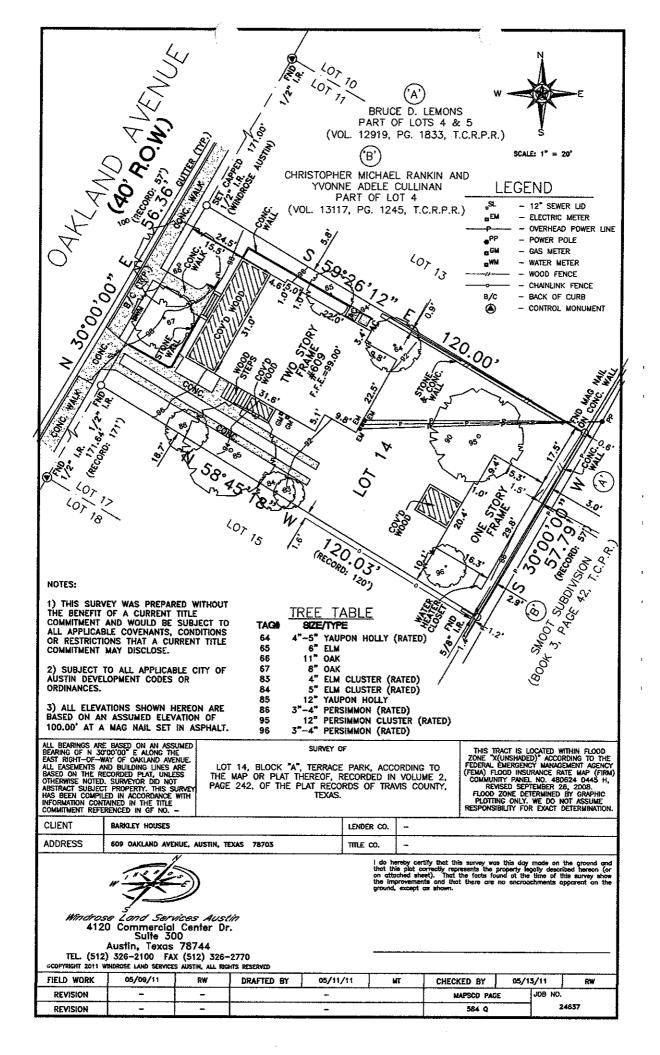


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August 11, 2011

Ross Frie 1921 Lohman's Crossing, Suite 100 Austin, Texas 78734 ross@friepdc.com

Re:

609 Oakland Avenue

Lot 14 Blk A OLT 3 DIV Z Terrace Park

Dear Mr. Frie,

Austin Energy (AE) has reviewed your application for the above referenced property requesting to reduce the rear setback from 10 feet to 1.5 feet in order to maintain an existing structure as shown on the attached red-stamped sketch. This request is approved by AE provided owner/applicant meets AE clearance criteria requirements as well as be in compliance with the National Electric Safety Code and OSHA with any existing or future improvements.

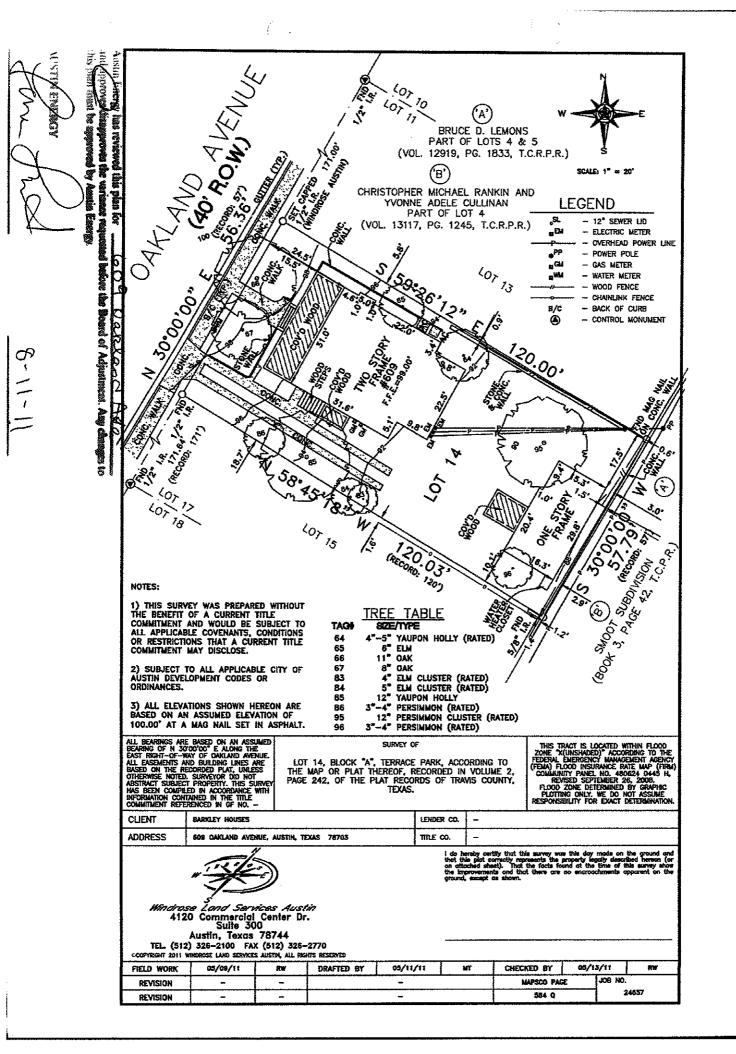
Thank you for checking with us in advance. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 322-6587.

Sincerely,

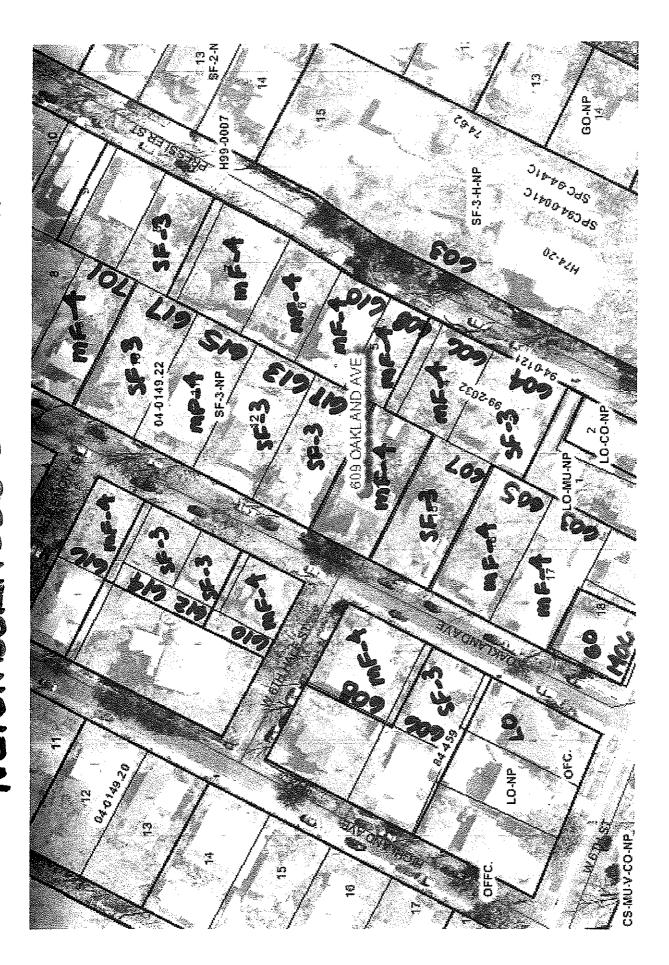
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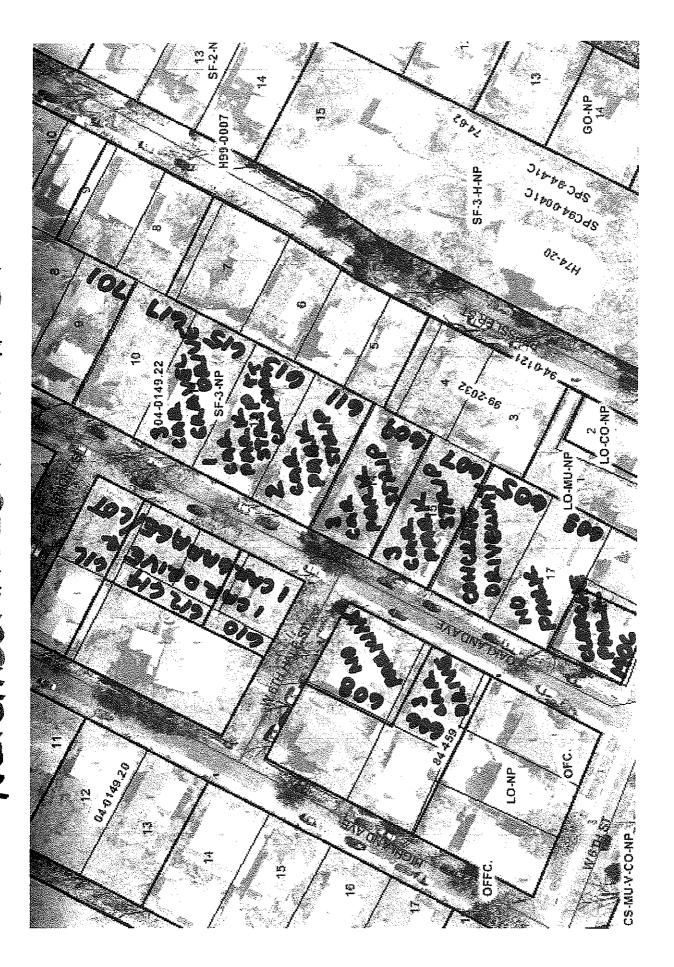
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Cc: Diana Ramirez and Susan Walker

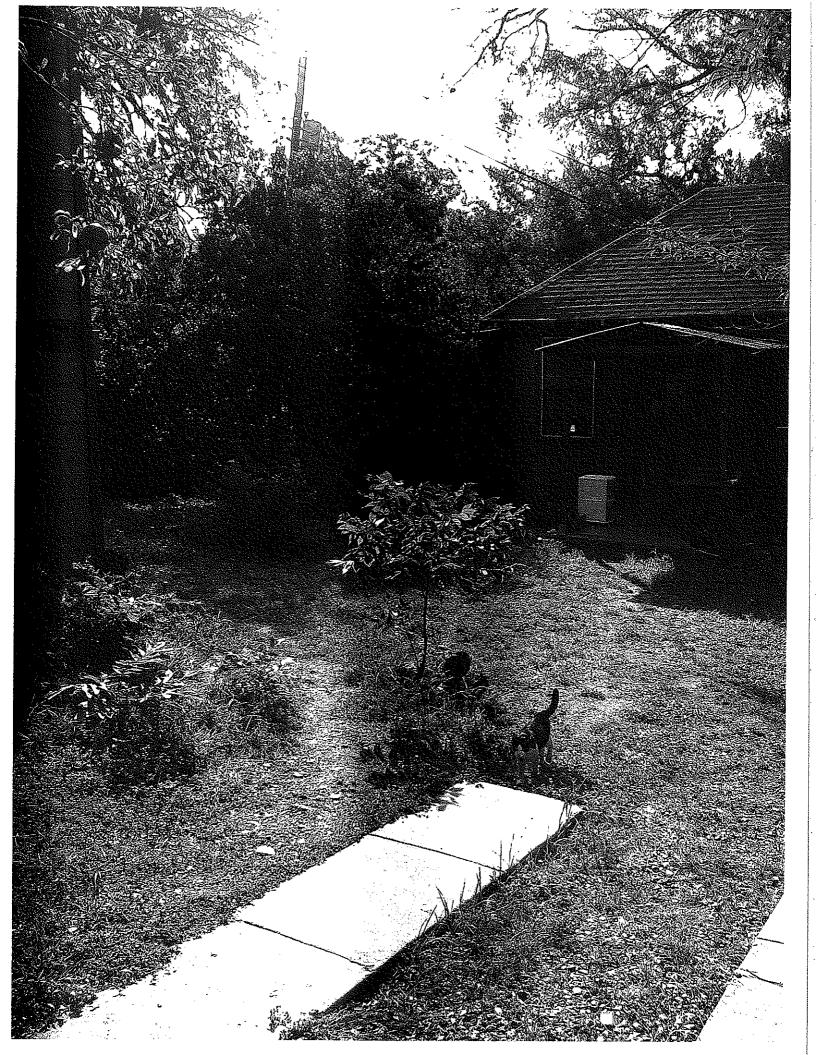


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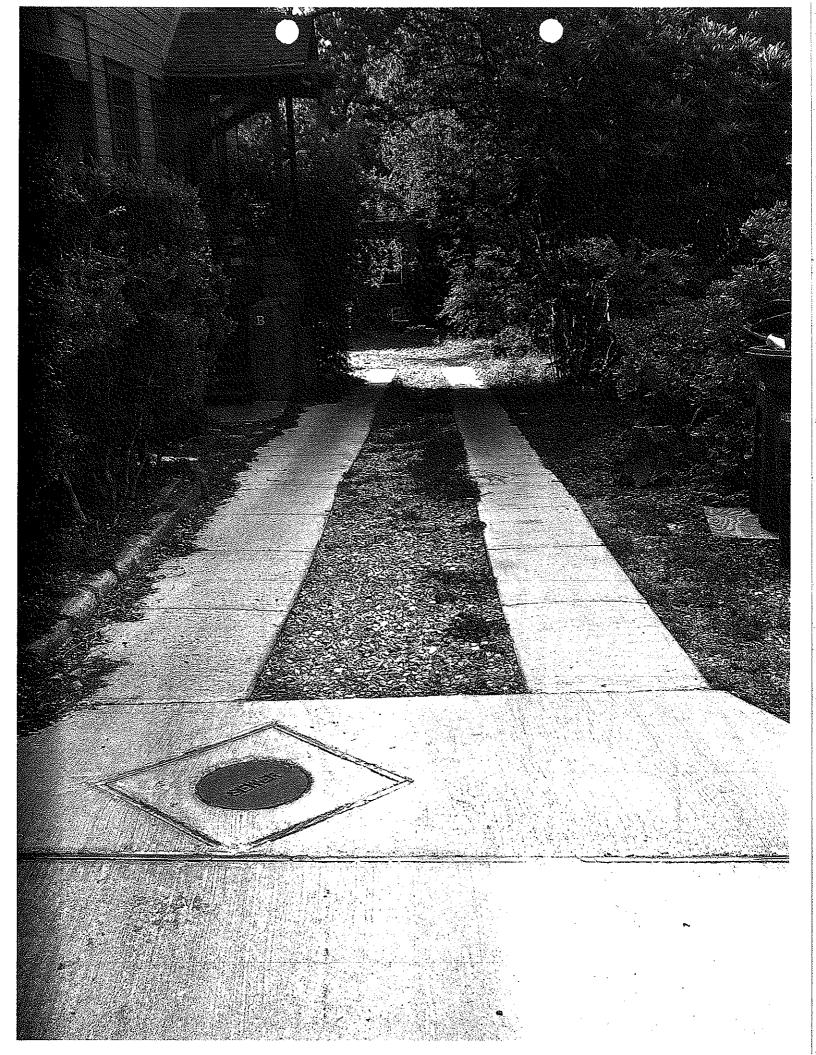












To City of Austin,

I own the property at 611 Oakland Avenue, which is adjacent to 609 Oakland Avenue, the multi-family property, owned by John Barkley. I have been a neighbor to Mr. Barkley for as long as he has owned the property. I am writing this statement to inform you that I am familiar with the two structures on the property. I know that the rear structure serves as an affordable efficiency studio and I appreciate that Austin has affordable housing options for renters wanting to live and work in the downtown areas. In addition, his property is similar to many other properties in our unique character Clarksville neighborhood.

I have no issues with the existing non conforming structures continuing there as they have been for decades and I further offer my support to Mr. Barkley's efforts to request the City of Austin allow him to continue his rental business to offer affordable housing options and /or studio space to citizens of Austin. I also applaud Mr. Barkley's efforts to work with City to bring the multi-family property into near compliance while allowing the rental units to continue. I've been witnessing his renovations and improvements over past few months while working with City Planners and Inspectors to address all their code regulation concerns to improve the living conditions of the front structure.

In summary, I fully support the existing rental units at 609 Oakland Avenue and I am requesting the City of Austin Board of Adjustments grant Mr. Barkley's variances so he may continue to offer affordable housing options so desperately needed in Austin and especially the downtown area.

Sincerely,

David Smith

611 Oakland Avenue

Austin, Texas 78705

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