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From: Gregg Elsass
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 11:02 AM
To: Heckman, Lee
Subject: C14-2012-0145

Mr. Heckman:

My Name is William Gregg Elsass, home owner at 2102 Fort View Road, Austin, TX 78704. I am traveling on business the night of the rezoning hearing scheduled for March 7, 2013 so I will not be able to attend.

As a resident of Fort View Road, I am writing to you in opposition of this rezoning request.

The reason for opposition is an argument I made to both the Planning Commission and City Council when properties on Ben White were rezoned from SF 3 to LO MU. I stated at those hearings that my concern, as well as those of my neighbors, was that those rezoning's were potentially the first steps to rezone the entire strip between Ben White and Fort View into commercial use. That the integrity of the residential street would be jeopardized if that happened.

I was assured at both hearings that they would not be in agreement to radically alter the make-up of Fort View. That they too saw relative value to maintaining the integrity of Fort View as residential. They stated they were in agreement to maintain Fort View as residential only.

So, with the above mentioned rezoning at 2111 Fort View, my concern will become more of a reality if approved. I realize this corner is a bit unique as it abuts commercial property to the west but it is easy to see that this would be yet another step to erode yet another Austin residential street to commercial development.

Further, the process of "patchwork" zoning is below the level of sophistication that a City like ours should accept.

Approving the requested rezoning is not a "slippery slope argument", but instead will be factual and unfortunately, real.

Please include my comments into the public record and if at all possible, read them at the City Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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