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Subject:

Zoning Case #C14-2013-0060

Dear Ms. Rhoades,

I am respectfully requesting a postponement on Zoning Case #C14-2013-0060, which I understand is on the City Council Agenda scheduled for August 8th. Unfortunately, I am scheduled to be out of town that day, so I will not be able to attend. I made these travel plans several months ago. I would like to request the postponement for this case the first council meeting in September.

After finding out about this zoning case, I spoke with Mr. Andrew Rivera, with your office, who provided me your information, plus also gave me additional information on the zoning case. Mr. Rivera provided me the contact information for the representative on this specific zoning case. I did speak with the representative and subsequently with the owner, and we have requested and are scheduled to meet with the owner early next week.

In the meantime, I am respectfully requesting a postponement in order to have time to visit with the owner, have time to review the request, and more importantly have time to allow for more inclusion of neighborhood residents in this review and consideration of this request and involvement in our neighborhood resident's consideration for the overall impact on the quality of life this zoning case could have on our neighborhood and particularly the students/parents of Langford Elementary, which is nearby.

Since finding out about this zoning case, I have communicated with some individuals, but not as many as I'd like because some are out of town on vacation or away for the summer. Items we would like to have the opportunity to address include, but are not limited to, alcohol sales, and the sale of healthy foods and produce (actually, the issue is the lack of healthy options in our area).

Just to share a little about myself, I have been a resident in the 78744 area since 1992 and purchased my home (6714 Ripple Run) in 1999. I have three grown children that attended Langford Elementary, Mendez and Paredes Middle Schools and Akins High School. My oldest son graduated from Texas State University and is now a teacher and coach at Round Rock High School, my second son and youngest, a daughter, graduated from UT as electrical and civil engineers, respectively. While they attended AISD, I was very involved in the PTAs, CACs, and Boy/Girl Scouts in leadership positions and other extracurricular activities such as youth sports leagues, MS and HS football and band. And, yes, my daughter was also on the Longhorn Band every year while at UT.

Although my children are no longer in school, I am very vested in our neighborhood. We have held Neighborhood Night Out events for the past several years, and this past Christmas, we participated in our second annual Christmas Caroling event. We plan on making it a yearly event. We also gather to celebrate

birthdays and other special events. Because of these shared positive experiences, we (neighbors) are talking more and sharing more about our positive visions for our community: our kids and all residents. We are very vested in developing issues in our community and are focused on having a positive impact on our quality of life.

We are asking for the opportunity to be involved and be heard. I look forward to hearing from you. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell at 512-708-0647. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Respectfully, Ana Aguirre 6714 Ripple Run resident

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I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. Oliver Wendell Holmes