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Dear Members of The Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board:

You recently recommended to the city council that 58 and 64 Rainey Street as well as several parcels west of Bierce Street be made Dedicated Parkland. We, the Rainey Neighbors Association Board, fully support this recommendation. We feel that making 58 and 64 Rainey Street Dedicated Parkland allows for the development of an entrance to the MACC that is befitting such an important site as the Mexican American Cultural Center. This would enrich our neighborhood and continue to encourage visitors from throughout our city and state to visit the neighborhood.

We believe there has been a fair hearing on this issue. MACC Advisory Board members met with the Rainey Neighbors Association (RNA) last spring on the use of 64 Rainey and their vision of using the land as parkland. They asked the RNA what we thought was the best use of the land. We are aware that a public hearing was held regarding this recommendation. Several members of the Austin Mexican American community supported the MACC Advisory Board in making the recommendation. While many uses of these parcels of land have been suggested in the past, it is the opinion of the RNA Board that Dedicated Parkland is the best use.

We, the RNA Board, support this recommendation from the MACC Advisory Board with the caveat that the Parks and Recreation Department turn it back into a grass covered lot and agree to mow and maintain it. Also, we recommend that the city extend the land to be made Dedicated Park land to include 56 Rainey so that the entire grassed area on that side of the street be included and maintained by the city.

Sincerely,

Bonita White, President
Rainey Neighbors Association