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AGAINST ST ELMO COFTS

Planning Commissioners,

Late Backup

We are 40 leaders from La Voz de San Elmo, who live in the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning area. We are against the St. Elmo's Lofts project. Please, deny the zoning change and neighborhood plan amendment requested by the agent and property owner.

We agree with the City's determination to not recommend this development (against) because:

- We support our approved 2005 neighborhood plan. This plan was supported by Imagine Austin in 2012. We want for the St. Elmo district to remain industrial as is. Allowing residential mixed use in an industrial area is against our approved neighborhood plan and against what Imagine Austin recommends.
- We are concerned about our children crossing St. Elmo to get to St. Elmo Elementary School with 327 students. We are also concerned with the students from Bedicheck Middle School (that has 1042 students) and Crockett High School (that has 1651 students) who take the bus at St. Elmo St. We already have heavy traffic problems and have formed a group of 45 leaders that are working on the Local Area Traffic Management Program. In addition, the Sierra Ridge Learning Center After School Program has 60 students that cross the St. Elmo St. to go from the St. Elmo Elementary School to the Sierra Ridge Learning Center.

There will be significant increase of traffic from the St. Elmo's loft development in an area that is already very congested several times a day. The TIA states that 7,000 trips will be added by this development daily. We think that some of that additional traffic will come to St, Elmo St.

 We don't want workers at the St. Elmo district to be displaced and have to drive to Buda as was proposed by the developer.

Best regards.

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