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Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:50 PM

Heldenfels, Leane

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Sharon Gillespie Case No.: C15-2015-0104

Sharon Gillespie, 2210 Del Curto Road, Austin, Texas 78704; phone: 512/476-3473

Case Number: C15-2015-0104, 2301 S. Lamar Blvd.

Contact: Leane Heldenfels

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I am in favor of Mr. Sullivan's position.

As owner of the property located at 2210 Del Curto Rd. for more than 35 years, I am filing this statement in support of Mr. Sullivan's appeal and request the following: that staff approval of site plan SP 2014-0429C.5H at 2301 South Lamar Boulevard be withdrawn for reasons set out in the appeal.

Thank you.

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### South Lamar Neighborhood Association

July 13, 2015

Dear Commissioners of the Board of Adjustments,

The South Lamar Neighborhood Association supports Foundation Communities' Bluebonnet Studios with a Congregant Living zoning. In Feb. 2014, the Neighborhood expressed this support by voting 84% (42 - 8) in favor.

Prior to this vote, there were extensive discussions of the Congregant Living nature of the Bluebonnet Studios both online via the email list and at an in-person meeting. The South Lamar Neighborhood Association voted to support the project as envisioned and described by Foundation Communities and that support has not changed.

Sincerely, \s\ Mario M Champion

Mario Champion President, South Lamar Neighborhood Association

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b. Monday 2/24 6:30 pm at Zilker Elementary 1900 Bluebonnet -- organized by the Zilker Neighborhood Association. A part of this process involved gathering written answers to many questions from both the candidates, so if you miss this one you should be able to review the answers later.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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Dear Chairman Harding and Members of the Board of Adjustments:

Please do not overturn your denial of Michael Sullivan's appeal against the City staff and Bluebonnet Studios. Mr. Sullivan has not brought new evidence to justify a 'reconsideration' (see memo from our legal counsel, Nikelle Meade). Even if the matter is reconsidered, none of the evidence he has provided would support a change of your decision to deny.

There are many other compelling reasons why you should not reconsider this closed case:

### 1 Bad Precedent

If you allow a reconsideration, then you are encouraging a practice for angry neighbors of affordable housing to bring malicious and frivolous claims to the Board of Adjustments in a clear abuse of the City's appeals process – again and again. Reconsideration of a closed case adds uncertainty to the development process, and should only occur in exceptional circumstances where the board truly erred or critical, relevant, new information that was not available for presentation at the original hearing surfaces.

### 2 Waste of Everyone's Time

City staff and the Board have already taken substantial time to consider this case, and the board voted unanimously in support of the staff interpretation. Mr. Sullivan already had his opportunity to present his arguments against Bluebonnet Studios, and we should not be subject to hearing them all again.

### 3 Abuse of the Appeals process

Mr. Sullivan has one goal – to stop the Bluebonnet Studios community any way he can, or at least to delay the project so greatly that we lose the city and federal funding for it. He is using the Board of Adjustment process inappropriately toward this end. The stop work order, legal defense costs and other expenses resulting from his actions have already cost order, legal defense costs and other expenses resulting from his actions have already cost





the project over \$30,000, all of which will directly impact the level of affordability, support, and amenities we are able to provide to the residents once the project is in operation.

Please reject the request to reconsider this case.

Sincerely,

Walter Moreau, Executive Director