

## **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

**CASE:** C14-2015-0153 (Iglesia Filadelfia)

**P.C. DATE:** January 26, 2016

**DISTRICT AREA:** 4

**ADDRESS:** 9015 Capital Drive

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** Leonel Rangel

**ZONING FROM:** SF-3-NP     **TO:** GR-NP

**AREA:** 0.7088 acres

### **SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommendation is grant GO-CO-NP, General Office-Conditional Overlay-Neighborhood Plan Combining District, zoning. The conditional overlay will prohibit Medical Offices-not exceeding 5000 sq. ft. gross floor area and Medical Offices –exceeding 5000 sq. ft. in gross floor area.

In addition, the staff's recommendation includes a condition that 30 feet of right-of-way from the centerline of Capital Drive should be dedicated through a street deed to the City of Austin prior to third reading of this zoning case at City Council in accordance with the Transportation Plan. [LDC, 25-6-55; TCM, Tables 1-7, 1-12].

### **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

1/26/16: Approved the staff's recommendation of GO-CO-NP zoning, with addition to the conditional overlay to limit the site to only permitted civic uses. Therefore, the following uses would be prohibited on the property: Bed and Breakfast (Group 1), Bed and Breakfast (Group 2), Administrative and Business Offices, Art Gallery, Art Workshop, Business or Trade School, Business Support Services, Communication Services, Medical Offices-not exceeding 5000 sq. ft. gross floor area and Medical Offices –exceeding 5000 sq. ft. in gross floor area, Off-Site Accessory Parking, Personal Services, Printing and Publishing, Professional Office, Restaurant (Limited), Software Development, Special Use Historic, Community Garden and Urban Farm (10-0, P. Seeger, J. Stevens and T. White-absent); A. Pineyro De Hoyos-1<sup>st</sup>, J. Shieh-2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The property in question currently developed with a religious assembly use (Iglesia Filadelfia) that fronts onto Capital Drive, a local collector roadway. There is a hotel/motel use to the north and another religious assembly use to the south. To the east, there is a retail center fronting Interstate Highway-35 Southbound. The properties to the west, across Capital Drive, are developed with single-family residences. The applicant is requesting a rezoning to expand the existing church facility. The staff recommends GO-CO-NP, General Office-Conditional Overlay-Neighborhood Plan Combining District, zoning because the property under consideration meets the purpose statement of the district. General Office zoning permits uses that serve community and city-wide needs. GO-CO-NP zoning will allow for the growth of the existing religious assembly use at this location while providing for a transition in land use intensity from the commercial uses fronting Interstate Highway-35 to the east to the single-family residential uses across Capital Drive to the west.

The future land use map for the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area calls for this property to have a civic designation. Therefore, a neighborhood plan amendment is not required as religious assembly is considered a civic use.

The applicant agrees with the staff's recommendation.

**EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	<b>ZONING</b>	<b>LAND USES</b>
<i>Site</i>	SF-3-NP	Religious Assembly (Iglesia Filadelfia)
<i>North</i>	GR-CO-NP	Hotel-Motel (Budget Inn)
<i>South</i>	SF-3-NP	Religious Assembly (The New Jerusalem Penecostal Church)
<i>East</i>	CS-CO-NP	Commercial Retail Strip Center (Barber Shop, Burmese Store, Party Planet, Five Star Appliance Repair, Iglesia Evangelical Emmanuel, Coy's Hair Studio, Hair Palace, Austin Motor Sport.com Repair and Parts)
<i>West</i>	SF-3-NP	Single-Family Residences

**AREA STUDY:** North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area  
(Georgian Acres)

**TIA:** Not Required

**WATERSHED:** Little Walnut Creek

**DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE:** Yes

**CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR:** N/A

**HILL COUNTRY ROADWAY:** N/A

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

Austin Heritage Tree Foundation  
 Austin Independent School District  
 Austin Neighborhoods Council  
 Austin Northwest Association  
 Bike Austin  
 Friends of Austin Neighborhoods  
 Friends of the Emma Barrientos MACC  
 Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills Combined Neighborhood Contact Team  
 Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association  
 North Growth Corridor Alliance  
 North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team  
 SELTEXAS  
 Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

**CASE HISTORIES:**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>REQUEST</b>	<b>COMMISSION</b>	<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>
C14-2010-0049 (Georgian Acres Neighborhood Planning Area Rezoning)	<p>To approve a Neighborhood Plan Combining District (NPCD) be created covering the entire plan area. Under the proposed Georgian Acres NPCD, the following design tools will be applied area-wide: "Parking Placement and Impervious Cover Restrictions," "Garage Placement" and "Front Porch Setback".</p> <p>In addition, the staff recommends base district zoning changes for the 40 tracts shown on the attached Georgian Acres Neighborhood Planning Area.</p>	<p>5/11/10: Approved the proposed re-zonings for the Georgian Acres NPCD as recommended by the staff, except for following tracts: 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, 118, 119, 134, 136, and 137 (8-0, J. Reddy-absent); D. Chimenti-1<sup>st</sup>, M. Dealey-2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Approved the staff's recommendation to rezone to Vertical Mixed-Use "V" and to remove the dimensional standards identified in Article 4.3.3 E.3 (Dimensional and Parking Requirements – reduction in parking requirements) and the Future Land Use designation of Mixed Use for the following tracts: 101, 102, 103, 104, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, 118, and 119; Vote: (8-0, J. Reddy-absent); D. Chimenti-1<sup>st</sup>, M. Dealey-2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Approved the staff's recommendation to rezone to Vertical Mixed-Use "V" and to remove the dimensional standards identified in Article 4.3.3 E.3 (Dimensional and Parking Requirements – reduction in parking requirements) and the Future Land Use designation of Neighborhood Mixed Use for the following tracts: 106, 136 and 137; Vote: (8-0, J. Reddy-absent); D. Chimenti-1<sup>st</sup>, M. Dealey-2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Approved the staff's recommendation for the Impervious Cover &amp; Parking Placement Restrictions, Front Porch Setback and Garage</p>	<p>6/24/10: Approved the Georgian Acres Neighborhood Plan Combining District (NP), except for tracts 134 and 135B (as shown below), and including the following motions was approved on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 7-0 vote.</p> <p>The motion to amend the ordinance per staff's recommendation to change the future land use for Tract 134 to office and include limited office-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (LO-CO-NP) zoning with the following conditions and conditional uses was approved on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 7-0 vote. The conditions were to restrict building height to 18 feet. The conditional uses are: medical offices less than 5,000 square feet and medical offices greater than 5,000 square feet.</p> <p>The motion to amend the ordinance to change the land use designation for Tract 135B on the future land use map (FLUM) to commercial and include general community commercial-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (GR-CO-NP) zoning with hotel/motel as a conditional use was approved on Council Member Spelman's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 7-0 vote.</p>

		<p>Placement design tools for the Georgian Acres Planning Area; Vote: (8-0, J. Reddy-absent); D. Anderson-1<sup>st</sup>, K. Tovo-2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Approved the staff's recommendation of SF-3-NP zoning for Tract 134 (602, 604, and 606 Middle Lane); Vote: (8-0, J. Reddy-absent); S. Kirk-1<sup>st</sup>, D. Chimenti-2<sup>nd</sup>.</p>	
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**RELATED CASES:** C14-2010-0049 (Georgian Acres Neighborhood Planning Area Rezonings)

**ABUTTING STREETS:**

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	ADT
Capitol Drive	Varies	Varies	Collector	N/A

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** February 11, 2016

**ACTION:** Postponed to March 24, 2016 at the staff's request (11-0); L. Pool-1<sup>st</sup>, D. Zimmerman-2<sup>nd</sup>.

March 24, 2016

**ACTION:**

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup>

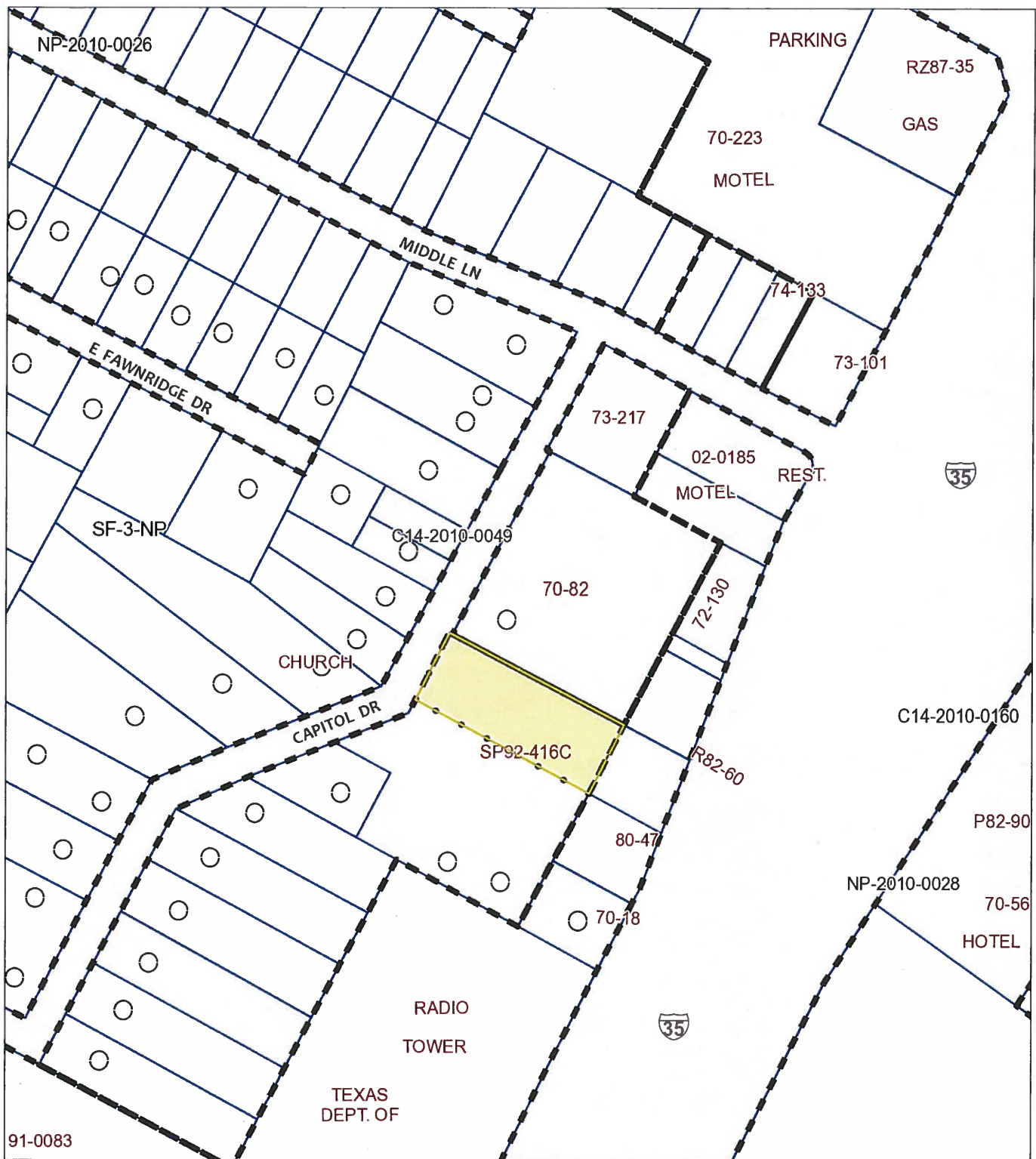
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**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Sherri Sirwaitis

**PHONE:** 512-974-3057,  
[sherri.sirwaitis@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:sherri.sirwaitis@ci.austin.tx.us)



- Subject Tract
- Railroads
- Pending Case
- Zoning Boundary

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## ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14-2015-0153



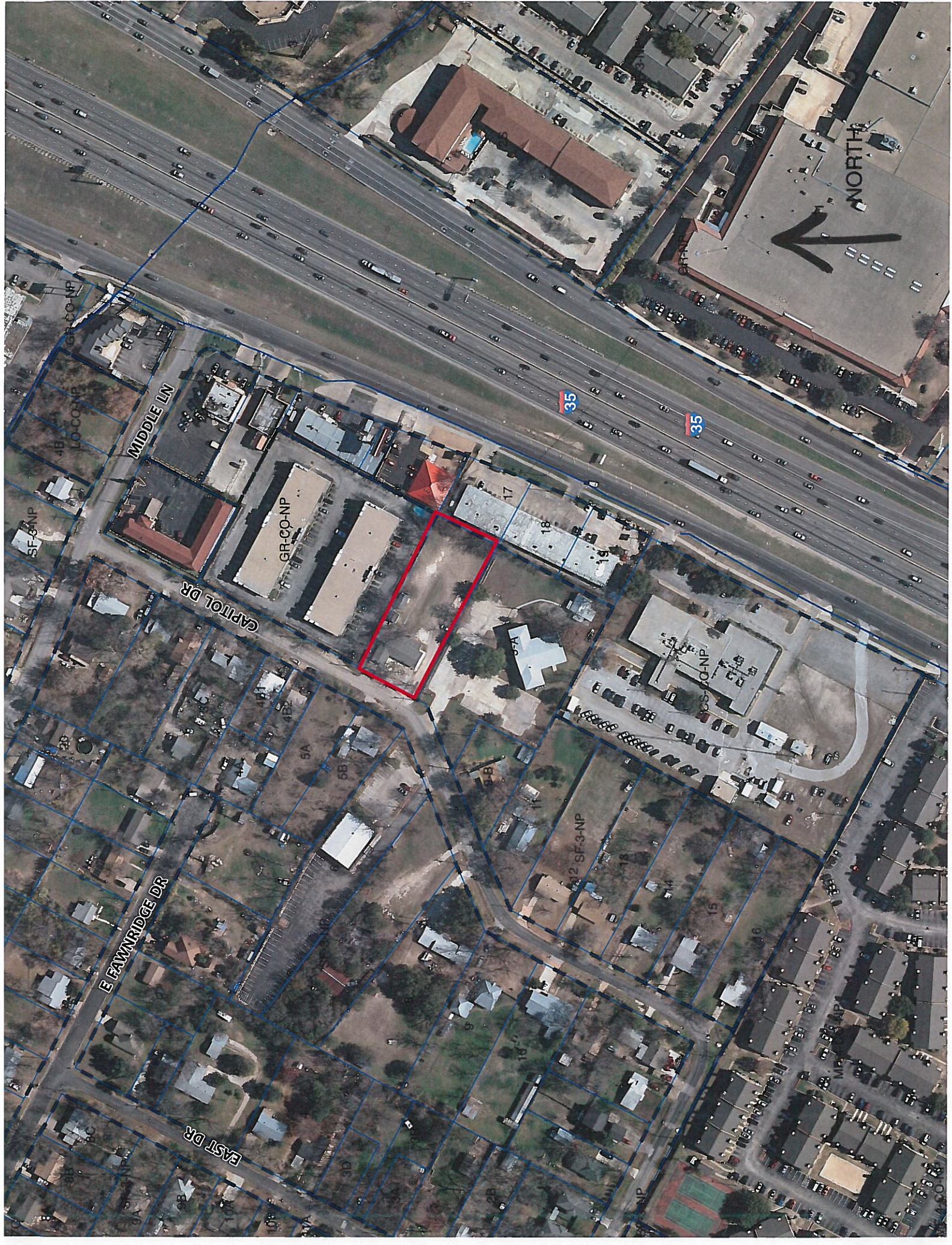
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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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## BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. *The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.*

General office (GO) district is the designation for an office or commercial use that serves community and city-wide needs. A building in a GO district may contain one or more different uses.

2. *The proposed zoning should promote consistency and orderly planning.*

The proposed zoning will provide for a transition in land use intensity from the commercial uses fronting Interstate Highway-35 to the east to the single-family residential uses across Capital Drive to the west.

3. *The proposed zoning should allow for a reasonable use of the property.*

GO-CO-NP zoning would permit more impervious cover (80%) and building coverage (60%) on the property which would permit the growth of the existing religious assembly use at this location.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

### Site Characteristics

The site in question is developed with religious assembly use (Iglesia Filadelfia). There is a hotel-motel use (Budget Inn) to the north that fronts onto the Interstate Highway-35 southbound access road. To the east is a commercial retail strip center (Barber Shop, Burmese Store, Party Planet, Five Star Appliance Repair, Iglesia Evangelical Emmanuel, Coy's Hair Studio, Hair Palace, Austin Motor Sport.com Repair and Parts) that accesses the IH-35 southbound access road. To the west, there are single-family residences. The property to the south is developed with another religious assembly use, the New Jerusalem Penecostal Church.

### Comprehensive Planning

SF-3 to GR

This zoning case is located on the east side of Capitol Drive, on a .71 acre lot that contains a small church and parking lot. This property is also located within the boundaries of the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area. Surrounding land uses includes a motel to the north, a large church to the south, a single family house and another church to the west, and a retail shopping center



to the east, which abuts commercial the IH-35 frontage road. The proposed project is to rezone the existing church site from residential to commercial and expand the church building.

#### **North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan (NLCNP)**

The NLCNP Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designates this property as Civic. The Civic FLUM category is defined as any site for public or semi-public facilities, including governmental offices, police and fire facilities, hospitals, and public and private schools. It also includes major religious facilities and other religious activities that are of a different type and scale than surrounding uses. Zone GR is allowed in the 'Civic' FLUM category as long as the proposed use remains a 'civic' institutional land use. Any change of the land use that would not be classified as a civic, would require a neighborhood plan amendment. The following policies are taken from the NLCNP:

**Objective Q.10:** Acknowledge the cultural diversity of the NLCNPA. (p 33)

**Objective L.1:** Preserve the residential character of the neighborhoods in the NLCNPA. (p 75)

**Recommendation 119:** Non-residential uses should not encroach into the established neighborhoods of the NLCNPA.

This portion of the planning area contains of mix of institutional (three churches), commercial and residential uses. Based on the civic use not expanding into the existing residential neighborhood, and this portion of the planning areas being designated as 'Civic' on the NLCNP Future Land Use Map, this proposed project appears to be supported by the plan.

#### **Imagine Austin**

Based on the small scale of this site relative to other nearby institutional and commercial uses, as well as the site not being located along an Activity Corridor or within an Activity Center, this case falls below the scope of Imagine Austin, which is broad in scope, and consequently the plan is neutral on this proposed rezoning.

#### **Environmental**

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Little Walnut Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.

Zoning district impervious cover limits apply in the Urban Watershed classification.

According to floodplain maps there is no floodplain within or adjacent to the project location.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

Trees will likely be impacted with a proposed development associated with this rezoning case. Please be aware that an approved rezoning status does not eliminate a proposed development's requirements to meet the intent of the tree ordinances. If further explanation or specificity is needed, please contact the City Arborist at 974-1876. At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

This site is required to provide on-site water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 8,000 sq. ft. cumulative is exceeded, and on site control for the two-year storm.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

### **Hill Country Roadway**

The site is not within a Hill Country Roadway Corridor.

### **Impervious Cover**

The maximum impervious cover allowed by the GR zoning district would be 90%.

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Note: The most restrictive impervious cover limit applies.

### **Site Plan**

Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted.

This site would appear to be located on a Suburban roadway. All code requirements in this section of the code will be based on this roadway type.

SP2. The site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the north and west property lines, the following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.
- No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.
- In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection. Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

### **Stormwater Detention**

At the time a final subdivision plat, subdivision construction plans, or site plan is submitted, the developer must demonstrate that the proposed development will not result in additional identifiable flooding of other property. Any increase in stormwater runoff will be mitigated through on-site stormwater detention ponds, or participation in the City of Austin Regional Stormwater Management Program if available.

### **Transportation**

If the requested zoning is recommended for this site, 30 feet of right-of-way should be dedicated from the centerline of Capital Drive in accordance with the Transportation Criteria Manual. LDC, 25-6-55; TCM, Tables 1-7, 1-12.



A traffic impact analysis was not required for this case because the traffic generated by the proposed zoning does not exceed the threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC, 25-6-113]

Capitol Drive is not classified in the Bicycle Plan.

Capital Metro bus service is not available along Capitol Drive.

There are no existing sidewalks along Capitol Drive.

Existing Street Characteristics:

<b>Name</b>	<b>ROW</b>	<b>Pavement</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>ADT</b>
Capitol Drive	Varies	Varies	Collector	N/A

### **Water and Wastewater**

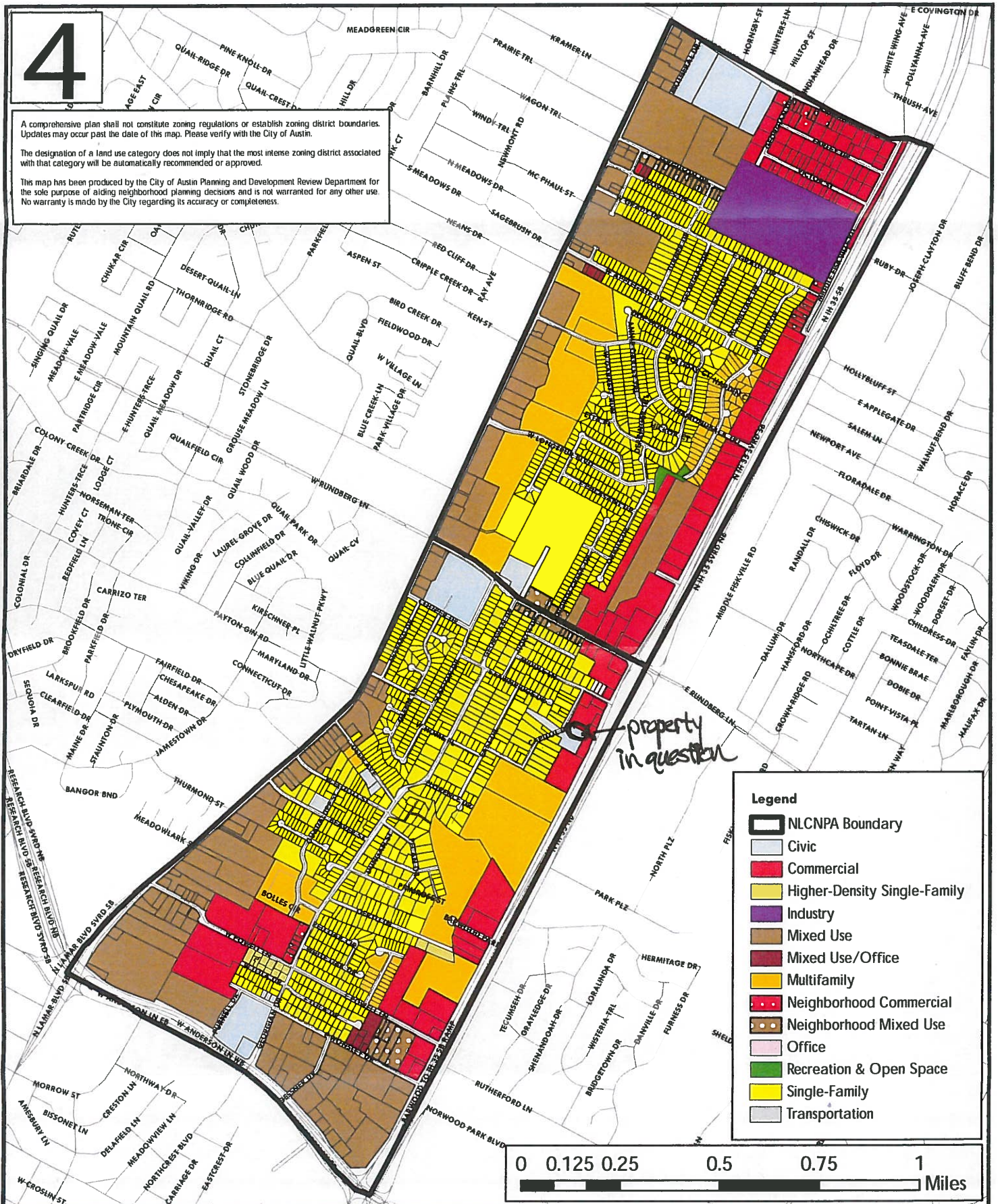
The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility for compliance with City criteria and suitability for operation and maintenance. Depending on the development plans submitted, water and or wastewater service extension requests may be required. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin. The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

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A comprehensive plan shall not constitute zoning regulations or establish zoning district boundaries. Updates may occur past the date of this map. Please verify with the City of Austin.

The designation of a land use category does not imply that the most intense zoning district associated with that category will be automatically recommended or approved.

This map has been produced by the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department for the sole purpose of aiding neighborhood planning decisions and is not warranted for any other use. No warranty is made by the City regarding its accuracy or completeness.



## North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area Future Land Use Map

Adopted: August 26, 2010



**Sirwaitis, Sherri**

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**From:** Elizabeth Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 8:54 PM  
**To:** Sirwaitis, Sherri  
**Subject:** Re: Case Number C14-2015-0153

Thanks! Here is my letter-

December 10, 2015

Dear Ms. Sirwaitis,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the address requested zoning change at 9015 Capitol Drive from single family (SF-3) to GR commercial (Case # C14-2015-0153).

The pastor of the Church, Mr. Rangel said when I spoke with him via the telephone that he wants the zoning change because with the new zoning he can then have 95% of the property covered and that he would expand his church. Our street cannot take more traffic. Capitol Drive is a very narrow street with no sidewalks. In fact 2 small cars can barely pass at the same time. Our street does not even have any kind of middle divider painted on it. I have talked to several of the neighbors who agree.

Additionally in the event that the church were to sell, 9015 Capitol Drive would then be commercially zoned and a motel, gas station, mini mart, could try to go in there. Please note that our street despite being close to the freeway is very residential, with many families and young kids living on it. 9015 Capitol Drive has many residential houses across the street from it as well as south of it.

Additionally it has come up that our area of Georgian Acres is on the cities top 10 list for worst overflow flooding. I don't think that covering the majority of a large lot will help with the issue of overflow flooding.

Finally, another neighbor mentioned that the Buddhist Temple in our area did a zoning variance as opposed to an actual zoning change, perhaps this could help in this situation.

Thank You,  
Elizabeth Jones  
8912 Captiol Dr  
Cell 510-229-0800

## PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

This zoning/rezoning request will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: before the Land Use Commission and the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

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**Case Number: C14-2015-0153**

**Contact: Sherri Sirwaitis, 512-974-3057**

**Public Hearing: Jan. 26, 2016, Planning Commission  
Feb. 11, 2016, City Council**

ADAM YOUNG  
Your Name (please print)

8909 CAPITOL DR A TX 78155  
Your address(es) affected by this application

*A. Young*  
Signature

JAN 19 2016  
Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-609-1230

Comments: OUR STREET IS NARROW AND HANDLES A LOT OF CUT THROUGH TRAFFIC ALREADY MAKING IT UNSAFE TO WALK ~~ON~~ ON THE STREET THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ANY ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC DUE TO AN INCREASE IN VOLUME WOULD ONLY MAKE THIS TRAFFIC ISSUE WORSE. COME VIEW THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TRAFFIC WHEN CHURCH IS IN ON THE STREET. ITS SUITS!!

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin  
Planning & Zoning Department  
Sherri Sirwaitis  
P. O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767-8810

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**Contact: Sherri Sirwaitis, 512-974-3057**

**Public Hearing: Jan. 26, 2016, Planning Commission**

**Feb. 11, 2016, City Council**

RACHEL REYES YOUNG

*Your Name (please print)*

8009 CAPITOL DE AUSTIN TX 78753

*Your address(es) affected by this application*

Rachel Reyes Young

*Signature*

Daytime Telephone: 512-487-4621

*NA*

1/19/16

*Date*

☐ I am in favor  
☒ I object

Comments: DUE V STREET CAN HARDLY HANDLE  
THE CURRENT AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC & AS IT  
IS IT'S ALREADY UNSAFE FOR PEDESTRIAN  
USE, CAPITOL DE JUST CAN'T HANDLE  
THE TRAFFIC ADDITIONAL AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC  
THAT A COMMERCIAL SPACE WOULD MOST  
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## Sirwaitis, Sherri

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**From:** Rodney Thrailkill [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 4:00 PM  
**To:** Sirwaitis, Sherri  
**Subject:** 9015 Capitol

Attention of: Sherri Sirwaitis

Case Number: C14-2015-0153

January 25, 2016

To the Planning Commission:

The officers of the Georgian Acres Neighborhood Association OBJECT to the requested zoning of GR-NP at 9015 Capitol Drive.

The requested zoning and the allowable uses it provides for are not compatible with the residential character of Capitol Drive or Georgian Acres generally.

The request is likewise out of step with the Neighborhood Plan adopted by the Contact Team in 2010.

We thank you for your time and careful review of this matter.

Rodney Thrailkill,  
Rigel Thurston,  
Daniela Nunez  
Jeremy Stiltala  
Karen Bissett  
Julia Foree

Georgian Acres  
Austin TX, 78753



**Sirwaitis, Sherri**

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**From:** Phil Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 3:45 PM  
**To:** Sirwaitis, Sherri [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 9015 Capitol Drive  
**Attachments:** Zoning Case Report for C14-2015-0153.pdf

Ms. Sherri Sirwaitis  
City of Austin  
Planning & Zoning Department

Dear Ms. Sirwaitis:

As owner of the property located at 8908 Capitol Drive, I note with concern the recent City of Austin Staff and Planning Commission recommendation to rezone 9015 Capitol Drive to GO from existing SF. (Please see attachment.) I oppose this change and do not believe it is warranted or justifiable.

A change in the current SF designation would be inconsistent with core objectives and recommendations of the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan (NLCNP): "Objective L.1. Preserve the residential character of the neighborhoods in NLCNPA. Recommendation 119. Non-residential uses should not encroach into the established neighborhoods of the NLCNPA."

Further, the requirement stated in the staff recommendation: "2. The proposed zoning should promote consistency and orderly planning." appears to me to conflict with the recommendation to rezone 9015 Capitol to GO as well as with the above NLCNPA objectives and recommendations.

As justification, the Commission Recommendations and Comments emphasize the motel and retail center located adjacent to the Interstate 35. In contrast, from the standpoint of the Capitol Drive community, any such zoning change could encroach upon our residential character and is therefore undesirable.

Please note that I do not object to the religious institution's stated objectives of creating a parking lot and classrooms on their 9015 Capitol Drive property. However, I respectfully suggest that they do this through a Variance in the existing SF designation rather than via an unnecessary and potentially disruptive zoning change.

Very truly yours,  
Philip A. Jones