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RE: C-14-2017-0059; 1105 Rio Grande Street

Scott Grantham
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Planning & Development Review Department
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Dear Mr. Graham:

It has just come to my attention that this case is scheduled to be considered by the City Council this week.

The Board of Directors of the Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA) hasn't discussed this case specifically. But, since this property is contiguous to my home and because it is OANA's practice that rezoning from GO to DMU In this area, be approved subject to certain compatibility and use conditions, I personally request, that this rezoning be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the maximum height of a building or structure is not more than 60 feet from ground level.
- 2. Given that the reference property is either near or within the Criminal Justice Overlay district, the following uses be accepted as Prohibited rather than Conditional: bail bond services, a stand-alone cocktail lounge use, pawn shop use and liquor/package store. In addition, an outdoor entertainment/amplified music use of the site is prohibited. And,
- 3. That the vehicle trips per day be limited to less than 2,000.

OANA pledges to work with the applicant/owner to come up with a private agreement with regarding these conditions, and subject to them, we ask that the City Council accept applicant's request to rezone the property.

Sincerely,

Ted Siff, President

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Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA)

P.S. Joi Hardin

* Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA) is a historic neighborhood in downtown Austin bounded by Lady Bird Lake, West 15th Street, Lamar Boulevard, and Lavaca Street.

Since 1974, OANA has worked with property owners to preserve and enhance the historic and residential character of this part of downtown, while embracing the need for new compatible development. Forty plus years of responsible advocacy has contributed to creating and sustaining one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in Austin.

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