

**Blackland Neighborhood Association**  
1902 East 22nd Street  
Austin, TX 78722

March 1, 2018

Board of Adjustments  
City of Austin  
Leane Heldenfels  
Development Services Department  
1st Floor/Development Assistance Center  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Chairperson Burkhardt:

The applicants for up-zoning the lot at 1800 E Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to LO-VM-U-NP (C15-2018-0046), Frank Cheff and Sharon Shuppert, came to update the Blackland Neighborhood Association's general body on February 12, 2019. You may recall that we voted to support this up-zoning in 2018. The applicants explained that at the last BOA meeting where they presented, the Board requested that they come up with some drawings that moved the bulk of the building away from the north alley toward the south/front of the property on the transit corridor of E MLK Jr. Blvd.

We viewed two drawings:

- one spreading the mass over two stories and,
- one with the majority of the mass in three stories fronting E. MLK Jr. Blvd.

As we are unable to take a vote without notifying the entire neighborhood five days in advance, the neighborhood took a straw vote, and the majority were in favor of the two story illustration. Not wanting to hold up Mr. Cheff and Ms. Shuppert in their application, the BNA general body agreed that the executive committee should send a letter noting that we are up-to-date with the project and recording our preference for the two story alternative. Members of the general body expressed that the lower height fit in better with the surrounding buildings. We do not meet to vote until Tuesday, March 12th - the day after the next BOA meeting. We fully expect to ratify this letter by vote on that date.

Thank you for considering our preference.

On behalf of the BNA Executive Committee,

*Catherine Tucek*

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2019 President

