

INFORMATION

(s) are expected to attend a public hearing. However, if you do attend, you may support or AGAINST the proposed action. You may also contact a neighborhood organization that has expressed an interest in an appeal.

The board or commission may postpone or reschedule a later date, or recommend approval or denial. The board or commission announces a decision or continuation that is not later than 30 days after the public hearing. No further notice is required.

An appeal may be appealed by a person with standing who is identified as a person who is filing a public hearing on an appeal or is filing a public hearing to appeal the decision.

Who is the applicant or record owner who communicates an interest to a public hearing?

The board or commission before or after the public hearing identifies the issues of the appeal. The contact person listed on a public hearing form.

Appeal at the public hearing;

Within 500 feet of the subject property;

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Neighborhood organization that has boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property.

With the director of the responsible agency for the decision. An appeal form may be filed with the director.

City of Austin's land development services website: austintexas.gov/devservices.

Written comments must be submitted to the contact person listed on the notice before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the name of the board or commission, or Council; the scheduled date of the public hearing; the Case Number; and the contact person listed on the notice. All comments received will become part of the public record of this case.

Case Number: C15-2019-0027

Contact: Elaine Ramirez, 512-974-2202

Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, June 10, 2019

Delia Sifuentes, Ben Sifuentes

Your Name (please print)

☐ I am in favor

☒ I object

811 San Marcos St., 1003 E 9th St

Your address(es) affected by this application AUSTIN TX 78702

Delia Sifuentes, Ben Sifuentes

Signature

6-8-19

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512 797 4977 (daughter - Marina Sifuentes)

Comments:

See attached comments

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

City of Austin-Development Services Department/ 1st Floor

Elaine Ramirez

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Austin, TX 78767-1088

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Scan & Email to: elaine.ramirez@austintexas.gov

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I write on behalf of myself, Delia Sifuentes, and my husband, Ben Sifuentes. We oppose the variance requested by The Daughters of the Republic of Texas ("DRT"). Our home at 1003 E. 9th Street, Austin, Texas 78702 has been in my family since it was built by my father in approximately 1914. I was born in that home. I acquired the home from my father around 1973, and will be passing the home down to my own children. This is a true family home. I also own the home at 811 San Marcos, Austin, Texas 78702. That home was sold to me by my former neighbor who was a lifetime friend and who, upon learning she had a terminal illness, asked me to buy the home from her and give her a life estate for her remaining months. It was important to her that a person from the neighborhood get her home because she knew I would advocate for the preservation of her home and the neighborhood. Granting the variance request would have a negative impact on our property and the other homes in the area. A building of 50 feet in height, instead of the allowed 40 feet, would be out of character for the structures in the area. The neighborhood is full of historic homes, some of which have been in families for over 100 years. DRT puts a paramount on preserving Texas history so it seems antithetical that they would want to disrupt the historical integrity of a historic neighborhood to build an unnecessarily tall building. As the Neighborhood Association has laid out, it is possible for DRT to construct their building without the need for the variance. The neighborhood was recently designated a historical overlay district meaning the city has deemed the architecture and the neighborhood to be historically significant. Allowing the variance would be contrary to the city's acknowledgement of maintaining the historical integrity of the neighborhood. We respectfully request the Board of Adjustment to deny the unnecessary and intrusive variance request.