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An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (*it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice*); or
 - appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing;
- and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
 - is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
 - is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

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Case Number: C15-2019-0027

Contact: Elaine Ramirez, 512-974-2202

Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, July 8th, 2019

Deborah Utley
Your Name (please print)

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

1011 E 8th St
Your address(es) affected by this application

Deborah Utley
Signature

7-1-19
Date

Daytime Telephone: (512) 413-2250

Comments: _____

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:
City of Austin-Development Services Department/ 1st Floor
Elaine Ramirez
P. O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-1088
Fax: (512) 974-6305
Scan & Email to: elaine.ramirez@austintexas.gov

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Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, June 10, 2019

Delia Sifuentes, Ben Sifuentes

Your Name (please print)

811 San Marcos St., 1003 E 9th St

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

Delia Sifuentes, Ben Sifuentes

Signature

Date

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

Comments:

see attached comments

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Contact: Elaine Ramirez

Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment, June 10, 2019

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.