

Dear Commissioners:

I write in support of the proposed plans for 1401 West 9th Street.

As a nearby neighbor and resident of Old West Austin, I have long supported the preservation of historic buildings and resources within our neighborhood, as well as the city at large.

I believe that the proposed project at 1401 West 9th will allow new, modern construction while preserving the prominence of the historic Pillow House located next door to this property.

As you may know, this project is not located within any of the local historic districts in Old West Austin. The National Register District guidelines are simply advisory.

Therefore, I'm supportive of these plans because the owner has taken steps to ensure that the massing and scale will fit within the context of the neighborhood.

While the style is modern, the home is set back so that it does not overpower the Pillow house. The second story has been recessed to render the overall appearance of home in scale with the buildings around it. Sensitive planning around the existing heritage trees and additional landscaping will ensure that the home's front yard will blend into the landscape of the street.

Moreover, I'm particularly grateful to the owner for placing the driveway and parking for this property at the backside of the home. This is a change that the owner chose to make to benefit the neighborhood. It will beautify the streetscape while helping to ease access for children walking and riding bikes to Mathews Elementary school along West 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

This home could be larger and taller under the property's zoning, however, the owner has been accommodating and sensitive to the character of the street.  
I urge you to approve the permits for the project.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the City. I'm very grateful for the hard work that you do to preserve our neighborhoods for future generations of Austinites.

Sincerely,  
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