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Subject: Memo for ZAP Commissioners re: Proposed Apartment Complex across From Akins HS

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Dr Mr. Rivera,

I would appreciate it greatly if you would print this email and pass to the Zoning and Planning Commissioners. I will be calling in to today's meeting to comment as well.

The Onion Creek Homeowners Association opposes any construction that will generate additional runoff water into Slaughter and/or Onion Creek.

Onion Creek is a subdivision located on Interstate 35 due East of Akins High School. We have suffered through two major flood events in 2013 and 2015. As a result, the City of Austin has initiated a buyout of 138 homes in the subdivision.

The subdivision is essentially bounded by Slaughter Creek on the North, and Onion Creek on the South and East. There are approximately 30 homes not currently in the buyout with their backyard property line on that part of Slaughter Creek before the creek turns North and flows into Onion Creek at a point approximately 1000 feet North of the Onion Creek subdivision. There are additional homes adjacent to Slaughter Creek but without a property line abutting Slaughter Creek which could still be affected by flooding of Slaughter Creek. Any additional flow into Slaughter Creek will also negatively impact the capacity of Onion Creek to accommodate the flood water from the Onion Creek watershed, further exacerbating the flooding of residential property by both Slaughter and Onion Creeks.

It is my understanding that the applicant has planned to accommodate a "two year flood". This is in our view dramatically insufficient to handle the frequency and magnitude of the floods such as those experienced here in the Onion Creek subdivision in 2013 and 2015, even if that 2 year flood measure would comply with City of Austin requirements.

Unless there are additional measures taken in order to insure the amount of runoff water into Slaughter Creek will not increase, the Onion Creek Homeowners is opposed to the construction of the proposed apartment complex.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Patterson

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