

Clark, Kate

From: Bezner, Janet R
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Rezoning Concern

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Dear Ms. Clark,

I am writing to provide input for the Planning Commission meeting next week about the following properties, which are adjacent and near a property I own at 204 Montopolis:

B-15 (C14-2020-0030 - 200 Montopolis Rezoning, District 3)
B-16 (C14-2020-0029 - Montopolis Acres Rezoning, District 3)
B-17 (C14-2020-0039 - Clovis and Kemp Rezone, District 3)
B-18 (C14-2020-0044 - Saxon Acres Residential Zoning, District 3)
B-19 (C14-2020-0038 - 508 Kemp Street, District 3)

As you are probably aware, a developer has applied to rezone these lots to an SF-6 designation, which we oppose. The lots are currently zoned SF-3, which we believe is appropriate to preserve single family housing in the neighborhood. We are concerned if the lots are rezoned it will lead to increased traffic, increased property taxes, and greater density and crowding, further stressing our natural resources.

Thank you,
Janet Bezner and Nancy Lesch
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Austin, TX 78741
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From: Hedda Elias
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Zoning Montopolis Neighborhood

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Dear Planning Commission Members,

In reference to: B-15, B-16, B-17, B-18, B-19

Part of being the anti-racist city that Austin claims to be is to seek out and listen to the voices of the people who live in the neighborhoods affected by development. Listen to how they are struggling to pay the taxes. Listen to how their children cannot afford to keep the house they grew up in. Listen to the Montopolis Contact team. Listen to their plan. Listen to our neighbors who took time out of their days to sign these petitions.

If you are really committed to the ideals of being equitable and anti-racist, you will ask this community how we want to develop and not pay it lip service. Because we do have a plan to keep the people in their homes who have lived here for generations. We do have a plan to help each other repair our houses. We do have a plan to build more affordable housing.

Help us. Don't help the developers who in their proposal will sell this new housing for \$400 a square foot. That is not something I can afford. That is definitely not something my neighbors, with a median income of \$35,000 can afford. We are surrounded by 3 petitions to build townhomes all on the route my daughter practices riding her bicycle on each day. On our tiny street with no sidewalks. These developers did not come speak to the Montopolis Contact team.

We are talking about the gentrification that is happening right now. My husband grew up 2 blocks from where we built our house. Our house is built on land we bought in 2012 for \$65,000. Our property taxes are \$9000 a year. As 2 teachers, we have an income more that most of our neighbors, yet it is difficult for us to pay our taxes. This will make it impossible for us to protest our property values. Impossible to build affordable housing on our street, as we have planned.

Please do your part.

We are counting on you,

Hedda and Noe Elias
304 Kemp Street

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From: Eric Paulus
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Opposition to rezoning at 508 Kemp st

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Hello,

I am writing on behalf of Ecology Action of Texas, owner of the Circle Acres Nature Preserve at 420 Kemp St. Our property borders 508 Kemp. We are opposed to the rezoning of 508 from sf3 to sf6. We have spent 15 years converting the most polluted tract in Montopolis to a thriving nature preserve that we leave open to the public to use for recreation and environmental education. We also host school groups and volunteer activities to clean up the preserve and surrounding parkland. Allowing for a major development on the property above us will do real and lasting harm to our project, endanger a poorly designed and constructed landfill cap (the former Grove Landfill), and force us to close our road access to the preserve, cutting off the community from this valuable resource. We ask that the planning commission honor the existing neighborhood plan and the wishes of the immediate neighbors and oppose this rezoning.

Also, the city has failed to do the proper and required notification about this process and we are very disappointed with how this process is being conducted by the city.

Thank

You for your considerations,

Eric Paulus, director of Ecology Action of Texas (Austin's oldest environmental organization)

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Director -- Ecology Action of Texas

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