

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-2020-0030 – 200 Montopolis Rezoning DISTRICT: 3

ZONING FROM: SF-3-NP

TO: SF-6-NP

ADDRESS: 200 Montopolis Drive and 6208 Clovis Street

SITE AREA: 1.32 acres

PROPERTY OWNER:

Nine Banded Holdings LLC (Taylor Jackson)

AGENT:

Thrower Design (A. Ron Thrower)

CASE MANAGER: Kate Clark (512-974-1237, kate.clark@austintexas.gov)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends townhouse and condominium residence – neighborhood plan (SF-6-NP) combining district zoning. *For a summary of the basis of staff's recommendation, see page 2.*

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:

July 28, 2020	Voted to Deny Staff's recommendation to rezone to SF-6-NP. [J. Thompson, P. Seeger – 2nd; K. Fayez, G. Anderson, P. Howard, J. Sheih and C. Llanes Pulido voted nay; C. Hempel was absent]. Vote 7-5.
July 14, 2020	Approved a Postponement request by the Applicant to July 28, 2020. [A. Azhar; J. Shieh – 2 nd] Vote: 13-0.
June 23, 2020	Case was pulled from the agenda due to a notification issue; No action taken.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

August 27, 2020	Scheduled for City Council
July 30, 2020	Approved staff's request for postponement to August 27, 2020. Vote: 11-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

ISSUES:

On May 26, 2020 the Montopolis Neighborhood Planning Contact Team (MNPCT) held their monthly meeting to discuss zoning cases in their area. They were not able to discuss this case at their meeting and have requested to postpone it to the next Planning Commission meeting on July 14th.

On June 18, 2020 staff received a letter of opposition from the MNPCT President for this rezoning case.

All communication received for this rezoning case can be found in *Exhibit C: Correspondence Received*.

A valid petition of 27.23% has been filed by the adjacent property owners in opposition to this rezoning request. A current map and list of property owners of the petition area and the electronic signatures received to date are included in *Exhibit D: Formal Petition*.

Staff was informed that this property was readdressed from 6206 Clovis Street to 6208 Clovis Street after the zoning application was filed. While this rezoning case was properly notified, the Law Department advised pulling this case from the June 23, 2020 Planning Commission agenda and notifying for the next available Planning Commission meeting.

CASE MANAGER COMMENTS:

The subject property is currently zoned SF-3-NP and consists of two parcels approximately 1.34 acres in total size. It can be accessed by Montopolis Drive and Clovis Street. Adjacent to the south are properties zoned SF-3-NP district zoning. These tracts contain a mixture of single-family residential buildings. To the west are tracts also zoned SF-3-NP which are undeveloped. To the north of the subject property are tracts zoned P-NP and CS district zoning. The CS zoned property is undeveloped. The P-NP property is the northeastern portion of Roy Guerrero Metropolitan Park and is not developed. To the east across Montopolis Drive is right-of-way for the US Highway 183 and is not zoned, see *Exhibit A: Zoning Map* and *Exhibit B: Aerial Map*.

BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

1. *The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought. Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses.*

The applicant is requesting a base zoning district of SF-6. This district is intended as an area for moderate density single family, duplex, two family, townhouse and condominium use. It is appropriate for areas in which unusually large lots predominate with access to other than minor residential streets, and in selected areas where a transition from single-family to multifamily use is appropriate. This property is on the periphery of the neighborhood. To the north of the property is a public park and property zoned CS. To the east across Montopolis Drive is US Highway 183. The majority of properties adjacent to this highway right-of-way are zoned with a commercial base district. Rezoning this property to SF-6-NP would provide a transition in use and site

development standards between the commercial property to the north and single-family uses to the south.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	Zoning	Land Uses
Site	SF-3-NP	Residential
North	P-NP	Parkland
South	SF-3-NP	Residential
East	N/A	Montopolis Drive and Highway right-of-way
West	SF-3-NP	Vacant

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA: Montopolis Neighborhood Plan (NP Ordinance No. 010927-05)

TIA: The TIA determination is deferred until site plan submittal as final land use mix and intensities will be available with the site development application.

WATERSHED: Country Club East (suburban), Colorado River (urban)

OVERLAYS: Airport Overlay (Controlled Compatible Land Use Area), Residential Design Standards, Waterfront Setback (Secondary) and Waterfront Overlay (Montopolis River Terrace)

SCHOOLS: Allison Elementary, Martin Middle and Eastside Memorial High Schools.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Austin Independent School District
 Austin Neighborhoods Council
 Bike Austin
 Bonnett Neighborhood Association
 Carson Ridge Neighborhood Association
 Crossing Gardenhome Owners Assn. (The)
 Del Valle Community Coalition
 Del Valle Independent School District
 East Austin Conservancy
 El Concilio Mexican-American
 Neighborhoods
 Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
 Guadalupe Neighborhood Development
 Homeless Neighborhood Association

Imperial Neighborhood Association
 Montopolis Community Alliance
 Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact
 Team
 Montopolis Tributary Trail Association
 Montopolis-Ponca Neighborhood
 Association
 Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation
 Pleasant Valley
 Preservation Austin
 River Bluff Neighborhood Assoc.
 SELTexas
 Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
 Southeast Austin Neighborhood Alliance

Tejano Town

Vargas Neighborhood Association

AREA CASE HISTORIES:

Number	Request	Commission	City Council
C14-2020-0044 Saxon Acres Residential Zoning	SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP	In review	In review
C14-2020-0039 Clovis and Kemp Rezoning	SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP	In review	In review
C14-2020-0038 508 Kemp Street	SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP	Approved SF-6-NP.	In review
C14H-2017-0055 / NPA-2016-005.04 500 Montopolis	SF-3-NP to GR-MU- H-NP and GR-MU- NP	HLC: to grant GR- MU-H-CO-NP and GR-MU-CO-NP PC: to grant SF-3-H- NP	Granted an indefinite postponement request by staff on 6/20/19. Case was withdrawn.
C14-2013-0107 600 Kemp Street Rezoning	SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP	Denied request	Denied request (3/20/14) (Valid petition)

RELATED CASES:

C14-01-0060: Montopolis Neighborhood Plan rezoning (Ordinance No. 010927-28). This property's base district zoning was rezoned during this process from CS to SF-3-NP.

EXISTING STREET CHARACTERISTICS:

Street	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bike Route	Capital Metro (within ¼ mile)
Montopolis Drive	Unknown	20'	Level 1	None	None	No
Clovis St	53'	26'	Level 1	None	None	Yes

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS:

Comprehensive Planning

The subject property for this rezoning case is not located near or along an Activity Corridor or Center. The 1.37-acre property, which contains two residential units, is located on the west side of Montopolis Drive, which is adjacent to US Highway 183 and located within the boundaries of the Montopolis Neighborhood Planning Area. Surrounding land uses includes a vacant lot and two bike trails to the north; to the south is a townhouse development and single-family housing; to the east is US Highway 183; and to the west the Roy Guerrero Metropolitan Park. The proposed use is a 16-unit condominium project.

Connectivity

A public sidewalk is only located in front of the townhouse development along this portion of Montopolis Drive. A CapMetro Transit Stop is located approximately 500 feet from the subject property. The Roy Guerrero Metropolitan Park is located immediately adjacent to the subject property, along with two bike trails. The mobility and connectivity options are fair and lacks neighborhood serving goods and services in the area.

Montopolis Neighborhood Plan

The Montopolis Future Land Use Map classifies this portion of Montopolis Drive as Single Family. For all plans adopted prior to January 2002 (the Montopolis Plan was adopted in 2001), the SF-6 zoning district is permitted in the “Single Family” land use designation. The following goal, objections and actions are taken from the Montopolis Plan.

- Goal 2: Create Homes for all Stages of Life within Montopolis. (p 14)
 - Objective 4: Enhance and protect existing single family housing.
 - Action 12: Preserve the existing Single Family uses and zoning in the older, established areas of Montopolis.
 - Action 13: Preserve residential zoning in the interior of East Montopolis to allow for new homes to be built.
 - Action 14: Preserve Single Family zoning in the interior of South Montopolis.
 - Objective 5: Create multiple housing types of varied intensities.

Based on the policies above, this proposed townhouse/condo project supports the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan because it provides new housing and housing choice of a varied intensity.

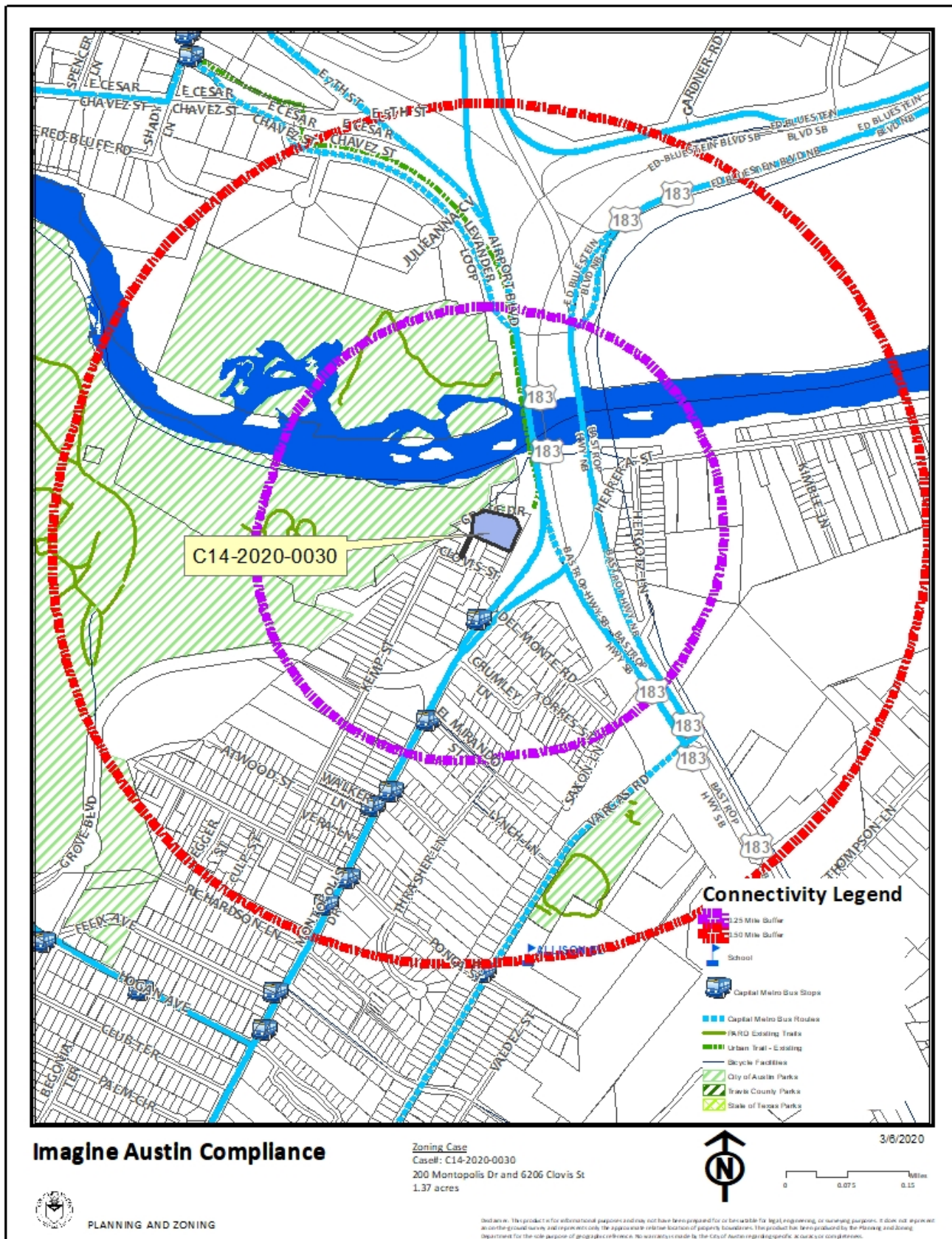
Imagine Austin

The following policies are relevant to this case:

- HN P10. Create complete neighborhoods across Austin that have a mix of housing types and land uses, affordable housing and transportation options, and access to schools, retail, employment, community services, and parks and recreation options.

- HN P1. Distribute a variety of housing types throughout the City to expand the choices able to meet the financial and lifestyle needs of Austin's diverse population.

The Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint, which is an amendment to Imagine Austin, includes goals for affordable housing in every City Council district. While this applicant has not identified this as an affordable housing project, it will provide additional missing middle housing. Based on Imagine Austin and Montopolis Neighborhood Plan policies that supports a variety of housing types and the policies above, this project supports the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.



Environmental

This site is in two watersheds (suburban and urban). Below are the two watersheds and their respective rules/requirements.

Suburban portion of site:

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is in the Country Club East Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

<i>Development Classification</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area</i>	<i>% of Gross Site Area with Transfers</i>
Single-Family (minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft.)	50%	60%
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%
Multifamily	60%	70%
Commercial	80%	90%

According to floodplain maps there is a floodplain within or adjacent to the project location. Based upon the location of the floodplain, offsite drainage should be calculated to determine whether a Critical Water Quality Zone exists within the project location.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment requires water quality control with increased capture volume and control of the 2-year storm onsite.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

Urban portion of site:

The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Colorado River Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code.

Zoning district impervious cover limits apply in the Urban Watershed classification.

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At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

This site is required to provide on-site water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 8,000 square feet cumulative is exceeded, and onsite control for the 2-year storm.

At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

Site Plan

Site plans will be required for any new development other than single-family or duplex residential. Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted. Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

Compatibility Standards

Any development which occurs in an SF-6 or less restrictive zoning district which is located 540 feet or less from property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district will be subject to compatibility development regulations.

The site is subject to compatibility standards due to adjacency of SF-3-NP to the south and west. The following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- Landscaping or screening is required along the south and west property lines in accordance with the screening requirements (Section 25-2-1006 and ECM 2.9.1.), Parking Design Standards (Section 25-6-563) and/or Screening Standards (Section 25.2.1066) to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.
- An intensive recreational use, including a swimming pool, tennis court, ball court, or playground, may not be constructed 50 feet or less from property in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district.

Airport Overlay

This site is located within the Austin-Bergstrom Airport Controlled Compatible Land Use Area Overlay. No use will be allowed that can create electrical interference with navigational signals or radio communications between airport and aircraft, make it difficult for pilots to distinguish between the airport lights and others, result in glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport, impair visibility in the vicinity of the airport, create bird strike hazards or otherwise in any way endanger or interfere with the landing, taking off, or maneuvering of aircraft intending to use the Austin-Bergstrom Airport. Height limitations and incompatible uses with each Airport Overlay zone are established in the Airport Overlay Ordinance. Airport Hazard Zoning Committee review may be required prior to Planning Commission Hearing. Additional comments may be generated during the site plan review process.

Demolition and Historic Resources

The applicant is responsible for requesting relocation and demolition permits once the site plan is approved. The City Historic Preservation Officer will review all proposed building demolitions and relocations prior to site plan approval. If a building meets city historic criteria, the Historic Landmark Commission may initiate a historic zoning case on the property.

Waterfront Overlay and Waterfront Setbacks

The project is within the Montopolis River Terrace Waterfront and is subject to the Waterfront Overlay District regulations. [25-2-175 and 25-2-737]. The boundaries of the site appear to be within the Secondary Setback, but closer review may reveal it to be within the Primary Setback.

Residential Design Standards Overlay

The site is subject to 25-2 Subchapter F. Residential Design and Compatibility Standards.

Transportation

The traffic impact analysis (TIA) determination is deferred until site plan submittal as final land use mix and intensities will be available with the site development application. At the time of submittal of any site plan on the Property, a TIA is required if the proposed development or uses on the Property, considered cumulatively with all existing or previously authorized development and uses, generates traffic that exceeds 2,000 trips per day.

Austin Water Utility

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by Austin Water for compliance with City criteria and suitability for operation and maintenance.

Depending on the development plans submitted, water and or wastewater service extension requests may be required. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin.

The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.

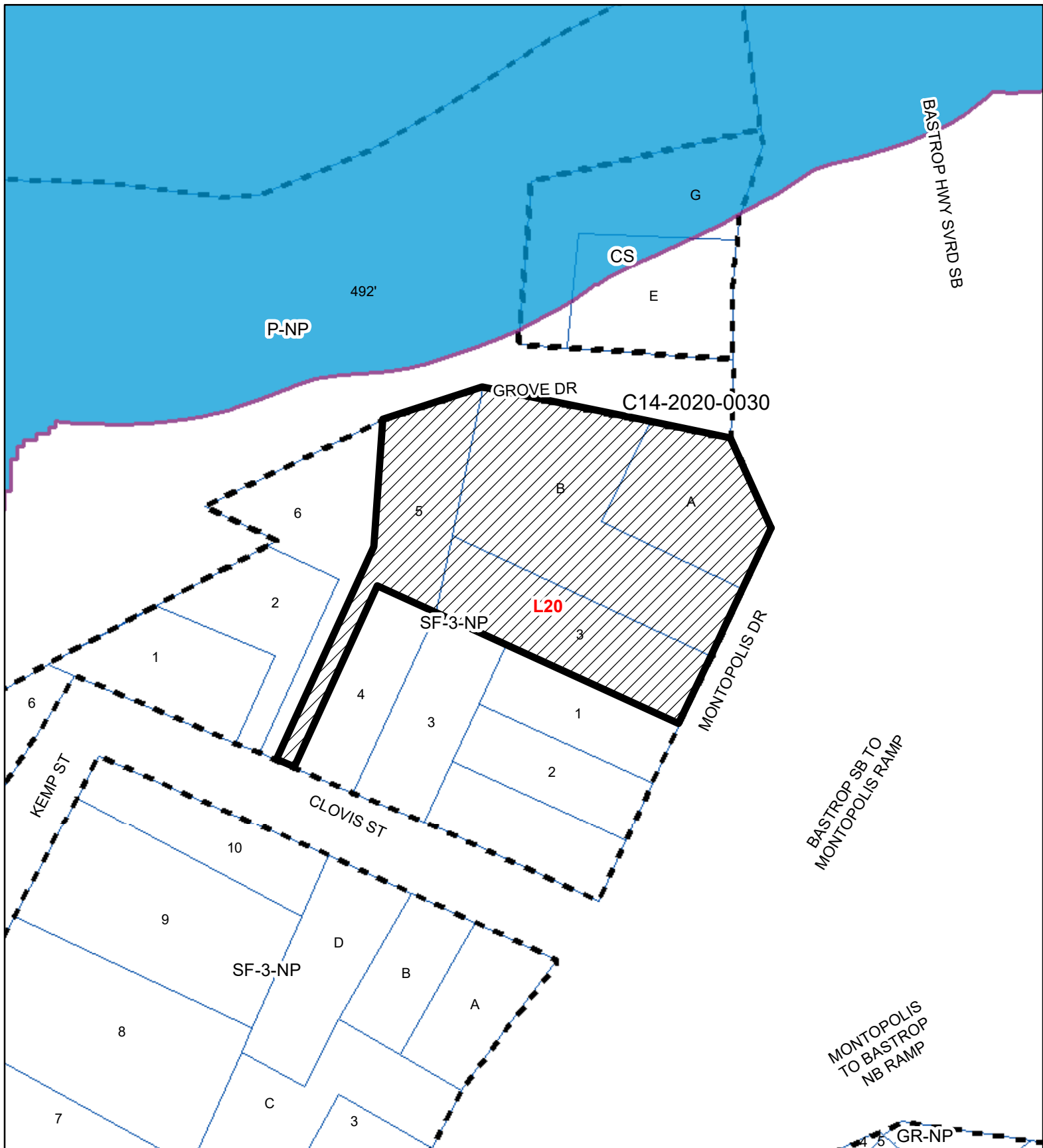
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


Exhibit A: Zoning Map

Exhibit B: Aerial Map

Exhibit C: Correspondence Received

Exhibit D: Formal Petition



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY
-  PENDING CASE
-  CREEK BUFFER

200 MONTOPOLIS REZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14-2020-0030
 LOCATION: 200 Montopolis Dr; 6206 Clovis St
 SUBJECT AREA: 1.34875 ACRES
 GRID: L20
 MANAGER: KATE CLARK

Exhibit A



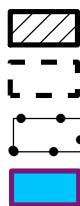
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SUBJECT TRACT

ZONING BOUNDARY

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200 MONTOPOLIS REZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14-2020-0030

LOCATION: 200 Montopolis Dr; 6206 Clovis St

SUBJECT AREA: 1.34875 ACRES

GRID: L20

MANAGER: KATE CLARK

Exhibit B



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Clark, Kate

From: Susana Almanza
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: MNPCT Postponement Request

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Hello Kate Clark: The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team is requesting a postponement for the following Cases. These case will be reviewed at our next scheduled MNPCT meeting scheduled for June 29th, 2020 at 6 pm at the Southeast Health and Wellness Center.

1. 6328 El Mirando Street from SF-3 to SF-6 Applicant Ron Thrower
2. 200 Montopolis Dr. from SF-3 to SF-6 Applicant Ron Thrower
3. 1013 Montopolis Dr. from SF-3 to SF-6 Applicant Ron Thrower
4. 6201 Clovis & 301 Kemp St. from SF-3 to SF-6 Applicant Ron Thrower

I had a series of email discussions with Ron Thrower's representative, Victoria Hasse. She did not want to come to Montopolis due to COVID-19. On May 18th, I requested that she email the materials of the zoning cases so that the MNPCT could review them and have a discussion at the May 26th scheduled meeting. and then send questions. I didn't receive the materials until the day of the meeting on May 26th at 4:13 pm.

I was in meetings in the afternoon that day, and didn't see her email to late a night. Sending the materials a couple of hours before our meeting is not acceptable.

Sincerely, Susana Almanza, President MNPCT

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June 18, 2020

To: Kare Clark, Planning Commissioners & Austin City Council Members

From: Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
Susana Almanza, President MNPCT

Re: Opposition to upzoning for the following properties: 1013 & 1017 Montopolis/C-14-2020-0029; 200 Montopolis/C-14-2020-0030; 6201 Clovis & 301 Kemp St/C-14-2020-0039; 200 Montopolis/C-14-2020-0030; 316 Saxon Lane and 6328 El Mirando Street/C-14-2020-0044.

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team met on May 26th, 2020 at the Southeast Health and Wellness Center. No representative from Ron Thrower, of the Thrower Design Group appeared at the meeting, who are the representatives for all the above zoning cases. They refused to attend the Contact meeting because they were not comfortable coming to the Montopolis community. The meeting was being held at one of the most sanitized locations, Southeast Health and Wellness Center and the room was huge enough to have social distance. They sent backup material on the day of meeting at 4:13pm.

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team **opposes** the zoning change for all the above listed properties!

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan was completed under City of Austin's Neighborhood Planning Program and was adopted as part of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan on September 27th, 2001. The property at 508 Kemp was approved as SF-3-NP. We ask that the Austin City Council respect the adopted Montopolis Neighborhood Plan.

After emerging successful against the forces of rapacious development at the Montopolis Negro School in 2018, the Montopolis community is once again being besieged by profit-seeking real estate developers with little to no regard for the community's fragile natural and cultural environment, or its iconic history.

Montopolis, also known as "Poverty Island," has a per capita income of \$16,226, a Median Family Income of \$31,875, and a poverty rate of 33% according to 2018 American Community Survey data. Accordingly, we guard our existing SF-3 owned property jealously, as we are a community of families.

The Austin Human Rights Commission has declared gentrification to be a human rights violation. We call upon the Planning Commission and Austin City Council to reject this gentrifying up zoning in the name of racial justice and reconciliation. Montopolis has too much history and culture to be sliced up by the forces of unscrupulous real estate development in this fashion. The highest and best use of our land is protection, not speculation.

Clark, Kate

From: Eric Dillaman
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Re: Case Number C14-2020-0039

I am writing in **opposition** to [C14-2020-0030 \(200 Montopolis Rezoning\)](#), [C14-2020-0038 \(508 Kemp Street\)](#), and [C14-2020-0039 \(Clovis and Kemp Rezone\)](#).

I am somewhat shocked to learn of the scope of the proposed zoning changes for our neighborhood; it feels like a concerted and coordinated effort by developers to shred the very fabric of our community in order to maximize their return on investment. Those of us who bought homes or land in the area, investing a life's worth of savings, did so knowing that this would be an SF-3 zoned residential neighborhood. The three streets in question: Kemp St, Clovis St, and the small offshoot of Montopolis apart from the main thoroughfare of the same name are narrow, have no city sidewalks, and I already worry about the safety of pedestrians and bikers. There is a blind hill that exists right next to [C14-2020-0039](#) which was almost the scene of a serious accident a year ago when a car came over the top when my young son and I were walking back to our house and almost hit us (again, no continuous sidewalks). By increasing the density of these lots, we will be substantially increasing the vehicle traffic on infrastructure that is not designed to handle it.

I realize that the staff has recommended rezoning of [C14-2020-0030](#) and [C14-2020-0039](#), but I wonder if they have come out and understood what this neighborhood is like, short of looking at it on paper. This type of dense development is extremely out of character with the reality on the ground. I think it would only take a quick drive around the neighborhood to see that this type of zoning is not in the character, design, and function of this neighborhood.

Additionally, the new construction on Montopolis & 183 was conceived poorly for those of us on the west side of Montopolis Dr. We used to be able to turn north onto Montopolis Dr. towards 183 from the Clovis/Montopolis intersection. However, the new design has put a median in the way to block a left turn. That means the only way out of the neighborhood to go north of the river is through Clovis and Kemp Sts. All of the traffic from these new dense condo builds would, therefore, be routed onto our streets. In morning traffic, it is already very difficult to turn north onto Montopolis from the streets that feed out of our neighborhood. There is one long light that backs up (Ponca), but has no protected left turn. Frequently only one car can make the turn out of our neighborhood in a light cycle. There are some mornings when it takes about *ten minutes* just to turn out of the neighborhood when traffic is heavy! This is without the added density that this new zoning would inflict upon us.

Lastly, this type of development is out of touch and character with the socioeconomics of the neighborhood. Montopolis is one of the last places in Austin where there is real ethnic and socioeconomic diversity. That is because people have not yet been priced out of their homes by large developments such as this, and the increasing tax burdens that they bring. In a time where we are beginning, as a city, to come to grips with some of the racist policy and zoning decisions that have plagued the city's development decisions in the past (think Clarksville & the East of I-35 plan), this type of development is anathema to real community need, desire, want, or benefit. A development that would spring from a zoning change like this benefits few people-- the owner and developer-- at the expense of all other people in the neighborhood.

I sincerely hope that you take Staff's recommendation to deny the zoning change to [C14-2020-0038](#) , and break with Staff's recommendation by denying the change to [C14-2020-0030 \(200 Montopolis Rezoning\)](#) and [C14-2020-0039 \(Clovis and Kemp Rezone\)](#).

Thanks for you time,

On Mon, Jun 15, 2020 at 11:46 AM Clark, Kate <Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Dillaman,

Below is a list of cases that are within the Montopolis Neighborhood Area that are planned to be heard next Tuesday, June 23rd at Planning Commission and their status. I have also included a PDF of the maps for each case for your reference. If you would like to oppose the rezoning of any of these cases, please send me an email (can be one email, doesn't have to be separate ones) stating the case number and your opposition. My case backup is due tomorrow and I would like to include it in my backup.

- C14-2020-0029 (Montopolis Acres Rezoning)
 - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
 - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
 - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.
- C14-2020-0030 (200 Montopolis Rezoning)
 - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
 - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
 - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.
- C14-2020-0038 (508 Kemp Street)
 - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - Staff Recommendation: To recommend denial of the rezoning request;
 - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending; and
 - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.
- C14-2020-0039 (Clovis and Kemp Rezone)
 - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
 - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th;
 - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.
- C14-2020-0044 (Saxon Acres Residential Zoning)
 - Applicant Request: SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP;
 - Staff Recommendation: To recommend the rezoning request;
 - Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Recommendation: Pending, requested a postponement of this case to July 14th; and
 - City Council Meeting: Planned to be scheduled for July 30th.

I verified with staff that you cannot sign up to speak on an item for next week's Commission meeting until the agenda is posted. This should be sometime on Friday morning, usually around 10:00 AM. **You must register to speak by noon on Monday, June 22nd.** I will send you information on how to sign up on Friday after the agenda is posted.

As for the statistics you requested, we do not track how often Council approves a rezoning case when there is a valid petition, nor do we track how often Planning Commission recommends something different than Staff. We do track the approval of Council cases to the number of cases Staff recommends. This fiscal year (started October 1, 2019) Council has approved 92.6% of the cases that Staff has recommended. For the last fiscal year, the percentage of Council approved cases to Staff recommended cases was 88.89%.

I have also attached some information on Zoning Petitions. If you wish to start one I suggest contacting Susana Almanza ([REDACTED]) prior to doing so. She requested this same information from me last week. These petitions can sometimes take time and effort to coordinate, I wouldn't want you to duplicate the effort if she has already started one.

I understand that this is a lot of information. If you would like to have another call later this week if you have any questions after reading through it, please let me know.

Kate Clark, AICP, LEED AP

Senior Planner

City of Austin | Planning and Zoning Department

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Clark, Kate

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

*** External Email - Exercise Caution ***

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
204A Montopolis
Austin, TX 78741
571-234-2841

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Jonathan Davidson

6218 Clovis Street
Austin, TX 78741
512-699-5656

June 19, 2020

To Kate Clark
Planning and Zoning Department
and all members of
Austin City Council

Kate,

I am writing in opposition to the rezoning cases in the Montopolis Neighborhood. In particular I would like to clarify some characteristics of the area directly affected by Case #s C14-2020-0030 (200 Montopolis Dr; 6206 Clovis St) and C14-2020-0039 (Kemp and Clovis). I would also like to respond to your staff's Basis of Recommendations.

First, I wanted to draw some attention to some amendments to the adopted Montopolis Neighborhood Plan. Ordinance No.010927-28 took effect on 8 October 2001. This ordinance rezoned all of the lots in the Montopolis Drive/Clovis Street/Kemp Street connections from CS to SF-3-NP. The intention of this rezoning was to preserve the character of Montopolis as a residential neighborhood, and to limit the environmental impact on the adjacent Parkland and Watershed. This was less than 20 years ago.

Also, Ordinance No.20101209-056 took effect on 20 December 2010. This ordinance states intent to: "Expand opportunities for the enjoyment of Park, Trails, and Open Space." Also to "provide open space in Montopolis." "Increase availability of Parkland." "Acquire additional land to be managed by the Parks Department." This was less than 10 years ago. These two ordinances highlight the continued focus to maintain a lack of density in this immediate area, due to proximity to vulnerable environmental concerns as well as economic ones. "Openness" is essential to the physical and metaphorical character of Montopolis.

In your Case Manager Comments for C14-2020-0030 (200 Montopolis Dr; 6206 Clovis St), you have described the zoning of the surrounding lots. The lot to the north is indeed zoned CS. There is, however, a conditional residential overlay on this lot. The owners of this lot, Dale and Natalie Glover, are currently in contact with the City of Austin to build a single family residence on this lot. Further, the lot zoned CS has no frontage on a City of Austin street, and instead has a nebulous access agreement through the lot to the east, currently owned by the State of Texas. There have been numerous proposals to convert

all of these lots north of the Grove Drive Bike Path into a natural extension of the Roy Guerrero Park. It remains to be seen if the CS lot is buildable at all.

You also state that the “tracts to the west are zoned SF-3-NP and are undeveloped.” This overstates the conditions: the “tracts” you mentioned are, in fact, legally platted SF-3-NP lots. There are only three undeveloped lots west of the area requesting rezoning. Their addresses are 6202, 6204, and 6206 Clovis Street. This brings up the fact that zoning case #C14-2020-0030 (200 Montopolis Dr; 6206 Clovis St) has incorrectly listed the address on Clovis they hope to rezone. 200 Montopolis is adjacent to the flag lot that is **6208 Clovis Street**. 6208 was sold to 9 Banded Holdings by Seth Harp. He has a written agreement of a ‘shared driveway’ between 6206 and 6208. This would eliminate the possibility of establishing a ‘private road’ as proposed by the developer to access 200 Montopolis Drive via 6208 Clovis Street. 6206 Clovis Street is owned by Isaiah Harp, Seth’s brother, who has applied for a building permit (Permit/Case # 2019-166492PR) for a single family residence with ADU. 6204 Clovis is owned by Isaiah’s mother Cynthia, who intends to build a SFR with no ADU. Cynthia also owns 6202 Clovis. This lot may prove to be unbuildable as there is a 100’ Critical Environmental Feature Setback as visible on the Travis County GIS ‘Easements and Setbacks’ layer. This radius setback also stresses the sensitive nature of the zoning case number C14-2020-0039 (Kemp and Clovis) as it reaches through the streets to affect these properties as well. 6217 Clovis Street, adjacent to the east of the Kemp and Clovis case, has also applied for a building permit: a single family residence on a SF-3-NP lot.

The Staff’s Basis of Recommendation for these cases states that “It is appropriate for areas in which unusually large lots predominate with access to other than minor residential streets, and in selected areas where a transition from single-family to multifamily use is appropriate.” Clovis Street is one block long. With no traffic signals and one stop sign. The definition of a “minor residential street.” 200 Montopolis Drive is on a dogleg extension of Montopolis Drive that dead ends at a pedestrian trail and a pedestrian bridge, also the definition of a “minor residential street.” Additionally, this dogleg extension of Montopolis Drive has no traffic signal, only a stop sign. The stop sign is at the corner of Montopolis Drive and Montopolis Drive! This highlights the fact that the Montopolis Drive Dogleg, as I will call it, should be considered a completely separate street than the Montopolis Drive that has traffic lights and bus routes. Worth mentioning as well is that no left turn is permitted north onto Montopolis Drive from the Montopolis Drive Dogleg, rerouting commuter traffic from the proposed development through a network of “minor residential streets:” Clovis, Kemp, Walker, Vera, and Ponca. This commuter traffic (could be more than 100 cars per day) will pose significant risk to pedestrians and wildlife (there is a city-installed deer crossing sign on Kemp) alike.

The Staff’s Basis of Recommendations also states that it considers the 200 Montopolis lots to be a transition in use between the SF-3-NP lots to the south and the commercial property to the north. As I stated before, the owners of 6218-20 Grove Drive (the land zoned CS) are proposing a single family residence on this lot. Because the street this lot

used to be on has long ago been converted to pedestrian use only, the CS zoning is antiquated. I would argue that the only appropriate zoning for this lot is P-NP. The fact is that this transition should be from SF-3-NP to a **less dense** zoning if anything. It is essential for these SF-3-NP lots to remain as such for all of the reasons stated.

Developers are a fact of life in Austin. We ask that they simply abide by the existing zoning in the area. Agents for these developers have spread rumors in the area that if you will oppose them they will report you to code enforcement and compel residents to “bring their property up to code.” This type of intimidation is racist and classist. Victoria Haase of Thrower Design, the land planner employed on these Montopolis cases, send me a letter. It told me how great the zoning would be for **me**. No mention of how great it would be for **them** and their bottom line. She concluded by telling me that the case will go to the Planning Commission for a public hearing on Tuesday, June 24th. We all know that the hearing in question is on Monday, June 23. Yet another dishonest tactic by an industry motivated by greed.

Thank you for considering these facts and my opinions as a homesteader in this amazing neighborhood. It is essential for Austin as a city to prevent any more damage to the few multi-ethnic and mixed socio-economic communities left in the City.

Jonathan Davidson

Michelle Teague (wife)

Jack Davidson (son)

Clark, Kate

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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Case Number: C14-2020-0030

Contact: Kate Clark, 512-974-1237

**Public Hearing: July 14, 2020, Planning Commission
July 30, 2020, City Council**

Joe R. Villarreal

Your Name (please print)

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

305 Kemp St. Austin, TX

Your address(es) affected by this application

Joe R. Villarreal

Signature

6/30/20

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-385-6133

Comments: No Cados.

→ 300 Kemp St. Austin TX 78741
307 Kemp St. Austin TX 78741

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Kate Clark

P. O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767

Or email to:

Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov

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**Public Hearing: July 14, 2020, Planning Commission
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FRANK T. MONREAL

Your Name (please print)

Austin, TX

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

209 Bonnetts

78741

Your address(es) affected by this application

Frank T. Monreal

Signature

7-1-20

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-636-6807

Comments: _____

Bonnett Neighborhood Assoc.
PRESIDENT

Frank T. Monreal

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Contact: Kate Clark, 512-974-1237

Public Hearing: June 23, 2020, Planning Commission

FRANK T. MONREAL

Your Name (please print)

209 BONNETT ST AUSTIN TX 78741

Your address(es) affected by this application

Frank T. Monreal

Signature

6-15-20

Date

Daytime Telephone: 512-636-6807

Comments: This zoning change is
AGAINST The MONTOPOLIS FLUM
MAP. AND DOES NOTHING TO
ADDRESS The AFFORDABLE HOME
PROBLEM IN this City OR
MONTOPOLIS

Thank's

Frank T. Monreal

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Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

July 10, 2020

Dear Austin Planning Commission and Austin City Council,

I am writing to oppose the zoning change requests across Montopolis (case numbers below) and to support my neighbors and community leaders who also strongly oppose them.

(C14-2020-0030 - 200 Montopolis Rezoning)

(C14-2020-0029 - Montopolis Acres Rezoning, 1013/1017 Montopolis)

(C14-2020-0039 - Clovis and Kemp Rezone, 301 Kemp)

(C14-2020-0044 - Saxon Acres Residential Zoning, El Mirando St.)

Please help fight racial inequality and irreversible harm to our neighborhood by listening to its residents community leaders who continue to speak clearly against these entitlements and zoning changes as well as Austin's history of racial inequity in land-use.

Montopolis is a mostly black and minority family-owned neighborhood fighting to protect its SF-3 zoning and green spaces. We're asking for your support in opposing these changes. There are currently valid petitions against all of these cases.

The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan already allows for more density, commercial, multi-family, and mixed-use, than any other part of Austin and specifically designates areas for this type of development. There is no need to destroy existing SF-3 neighborhood streets when there are plenty of empty SF-6 lots along appropriate traffic corridors that have yet to be developed.

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We know these new developments won't be affordable for the current residents of this neighborhood or attract more diversity in any way, and the developers make no enforceable promise to do so.

These changes would overcrowd our peaceful residential streets with cars,

and add more pavement and flooding throughout an ecologically sensitive preserve and the Colorado River.

Adding this much density will accelerate gentrification and rapidly dilute diversity in this important and vulnerable part of town. The city's own statistics show how this has happened throughout Rainey, Holly, and the rest of East Austin. Up-zoning to SF-6 is like putting gasoline on the fire.

Our community leaders have built into their plan an allowance for SF-3 so that a current culture of single family dwellings can continue to thrive and grow well into the future. While growth is inevitable, it can still be done thoughtfully and deliberately, which is why the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan has allowed for special infill options such as "cottage lots" and "small lot amnesty" as well as the use of ADUs. These are already welcome compromises currently in place to address density. No more compromises are needed.

Developers could instead add density to the proposed SF-3 lots by re-platting using the tools already agreed to within the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan.

You are likely already familiar with the history of inequity in land-use in Austin. Please help protect Montopolis by voting against these entitlements, and encouraging developers to use the tools already available or to seek out lots in areas already zoned for this use.

I invite all of you to come take a walk down Kemp Street in the coming weeks. Here you'll find families with young children playing, neighbors taking long walks and chatting in the streets and supporting one another. You'll find our neighbor Miss Annie, who is 105 years old, out in her front yard every day. A colony of whitetail deer graze in the meadows at dawn and dusk, and rare birds migrate through our nature preserve. Call us. We would be happy to show you around with

Our community has come together time and time again to protect our peacefully thriving neighborhood from big development which would cause irreversible harm. It's time to listen to them.

Sincerely,
Peter Simonite
621 Kemp St.
Austin, Texas 78741
5126332928

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Case Number: C14-2020-0030

Contact: Kate Clark, 512-974-1237

Public Hearing: July 14, 2020, Planning Commission
July 30, 2020, City Council

DON JOHNSON

Your Name (please print)

306 KEMP ST.

Your address(es) affected by this application

[Signature]

Signature

Daytime Telephone: 512-751-3744

Comments: I would prefer no change zoning. Too crowded.

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:
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Kate Clark
P. O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767

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Case Number: C14-2020-0039

Contact: Kate Clark, 512-974-1237

Public Hearing: July 30, 2020, City Council

DON JOHNSON

Your Name (please print)

309 KEMP ST.

Your address(es) affected by this application

[Signature]

Signature

Daytime Telephone: 512-751-3744

Comments:

Please No zoning change for property. Too crowded

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

07/14/20

Date

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Or email to:
Kate.Clark@austintexas.gov

Clark, Kate

From: CECILE LABOSSIÈRE
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Re: Zoning change request

To Kate Clark:

I would like to voice my opposition to the requested zoning change from SF-3-NP to SF-6-NP defined in C14-2020-030. The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan has defined this area for single family homes and was approved by the City of Austin. I respectfully request that the City honor their commitment to the neighborhood plan and maintain the integrity of this neighborhood by adhering to the principles set forth in the neighborhood plan. We are all aware of the pressure to develop in the Austin area but this neighborhood is a community that should be valued for its diversity and culture. Many of the existing homeowners will be displaced if the area is gentrified with upscale developments that do not serve the community but in fact displace long time residents and only serve to increase the tax base for the city.

What makes Austin so special is its diverse communities and I hope that consideration will be made to keep Montopolis as one of the few neighborhoods that retains its unique character.

Sincerely,
Cecile M. LaBossiere

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Clark, Kate

From: Hedda Elias
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: Revised letter for backup Montopolis cases

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To Ms. Clark: Please either switch out this letter for the one that is already in the backup for these cases, or include it after the other letter. Thank you!

I am writing in **opposition** to cases C14-2020-0039, C14-2020-0039 & C14-2020-0044.

Background

The same group of developers is asking for zoning changes to SF-6 on four different lots in Montopolis. According to UT-Austin's report *Uprooted*, my neighborhood is one of the few that can still be saved from gentrification. Two of these cases are on my small street that is already a major bike thoroughfare with no sidewalks and frequent deer crossings, the same street as the 508 Kemp Street case which was approved for SF-6 zoning at the planning commission meeting June 23.

We already have amenities; we don't need developer promises

Know that the sites for 200 Montopolis and Clovis/Kemp have direct access to the public trail into Roy G. Guerrero Park, which has scenic views from the lawn and one of the best playgrounds in the city. The Saxon Acres site is across from Civitan Park. Any promises of playgrounds, scenic views or 1 affordable unit ring hollow in these cases, as they did with 508 Kemp St.

In reference to C14-2020-0030 & C14-2020-0039:

No direct access to highway right of way nor major street

The city staff recommendation states that 200 Montopolis is bordered by the Hwy 183 right of way. This is inaccurate. This land borders the old Montopolis Bridge and the trail that leads into Roy Guerrero Park and the Lady Bird Lake Hike & Bike trail. The Old Montopolis Bridge is being converted into a bike and pedestrian bridge. Furthermore, this is not the main section of Montopolis Drive. It is a tiny road with unmarked lanes and no sidewalks that turns into a right-turn only lane onto the main Montopolis Drive just past where it intersects with Clovis/Kemp Street. If drivers from either 200 Montopolis or Clovis/Kemp want to go north or south on Hwy 183 (the only way to head into downtown) they will be coming on Kemp Street to mix with the bicycles that already pass, deer that cross the road from one field to the other and kids that ride bikes and play basketballs in the street. Because both projects only have access to small residential streets, SF-6 is not appropriate. Number of car trips is what matters in deciding whether a street is safe, not number of driveways.

In reference to all 3 cases:

SF-6 just means more gentrifiers in a neighborhood that could still be saved

The developers are proposing market rate condos/townhomes (\$314K-\$350K in Montopolis) for both sites and 0 units that are affordable by city standards, much less for current Montopolis residents. According to the map of MFI by census tract, the MFI for Montopolis is \$30,000-\$40,000, or 40%. Thus, the typical Montopolis resident could only afford a \$110,000 townhome or condo. If the developers build 16 units on each of these lots as proposed, that does not mean they magically will be affordable to Montopolis residents. SF-6 does not mean more affordable housing, it means more gentrifiers. Even to make sure that typical black and Latino families could afford these townhomes, they'd have to be priced at 50% MFI, since that is the MFI for black and Latino families in Austin.

We can reach out to the small numbers of homeowners that buy SF-3 homes here to build them as allies. Adding 75+ units on these SF-6 properties in Montopolis that you are deciding on in this meeting (and decided on last meeting with 508 Kemp) means a lot more gentrifiers to reach out to, a lot more counters for the TCAD when we protest our taxes, and that the complete gentrification of Montopolis is much closer to being a reality.

We have a plan; Don't make it more difficult

The Montopolis CDC, the only CDC made up entirely of black and brown residents of Austin, has developed a plan to build affordable housing in the neighborhood to help long-time residents stay in and return to the area. If you are serious about addressing the city's housing issues and gentrification, you should listen to the people most affected by those issues. Listen to the Montopolis CDC and listen to the signers of our valid position (as the original signature pages have been sent in). Listen to those most affected. Please vote against SF-6 for C14-2020-0039, C14-2020-0039 & C14-2020-0044.

All the best,

Hedda Elias
304 Kemp Street

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Clark, Kate

From: Misha Sakellaropoulo
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Clark, Kate
Subject: 28 July Planning Commission Meeting

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Hi Kate,

I live at 312 Kemp St. and wanted to express my opposition to:

C14-2020-0030

C14-2020-0039

I lived on Rainey St for 10 years and moved a bit further east specifically to get away from the density. I was drawn to this particular corner of Montopolis because it was full of single family homes and empty lots, also zoned for single family homes. It's been wonderful to watch the neighborhood fill in with other homes and duplexes. Walkers, joggers, cyclists and families take advantage of Kemp/Clovis and the end of Montopolis to peacefully walk to the park and across the Colorado.

We do not need a "Camden Rainey" project over here; when that was completed (originally as the Millennium Rainey) it permanently changed Rainey Street's composition forever. We lost a half dozen bungalows and a great vibe and instead got an uninspiring apartment complex that would fit right in anywhere in Plano (gross).

Sincerely,

Misha Sakellaropoulo

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Our community leaders have built into their plan an allowance for SF-3 so that a current culture of single family dwellings can continue to thrive and grow well into the future. While growth is inevitable, it can still be done thoughtfully and deliberately, which is why the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan has allowed for special infill options such as "cottage lots" and "small lot amnesty" as well as the use of ADUs. These are already welcome compromises currently in place to address density. No more compromises are needed.

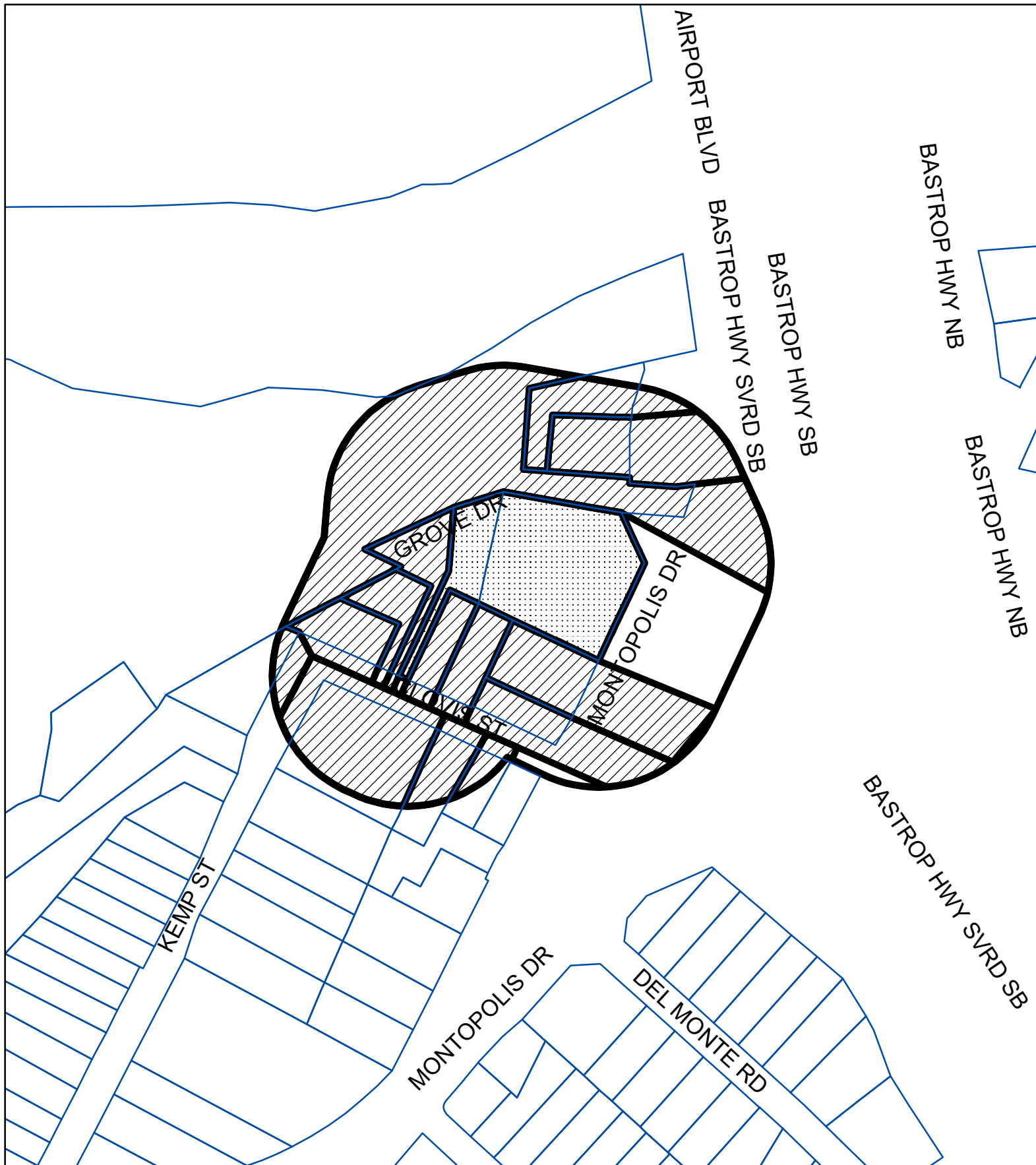
Developers could instead add density to the proposed SF-3 lots by re-platting using the tools already agreed to within the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan.

You are likely already familiar with the history of inequity in land-use in Austin. Please help protect Montopolis by voting against these entitlements, and encouraging developers to use the tools already available or to seek out lots in areas already zoned for this use.

I invite all of you to come take a walk down Kemp Street in the coming weeks. Here you'll find families with young children playing, neighbors taking long walks and chatting in the streets and supporting one another. You'll find our neighbor Miss Annie, who is 105 years old, out in her front yard every day. A colony of whitetail deer grazes in the meadows at dawn and dusk, and rare birds migrate through our nature preserve. Call us. We would be happy to show you around.

Our community has come together time and time again to protect our peacefully thriving neighborhood from big development which would cause irreversible harm. It's time to listen to them.




Sincerely, Peter Simonite 621 Kemp St.



PETITION

Case#: C14-2020-0030

Exhibit D

-  BUFFER
-  PROPERTY_OWNER
-  SUBJECT_TRACT

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Case Number:
C14-2020-0030

PETITION

Date: 6/24/2020
Total Square Footage of Buffer: 365696.8705
Percentage of Square Footage Owned by Petitioners Within Buffer: 27.23%

Calculation: The total square footage is calculated by taking the sum of the area of all TCAD Parcels with valid signatures including one-half of the adjacent right-of-way that fall within 200 feet of the subject tract. Parcels that do not fall within the 200 foot buffer are not used for calculation. When a parcel intersects the edge of the buffer, only the portion of the parcel that falls within the buffer is used. The area of the buffer does not include the subject tract.

TCAD ID	Address	Owner	Signature	Petition Area	Percent
0303170219	6201 CLOVIS ST 78741	3SC VENTURE LLC	no	37068.58	0.00%
0302170313	6200 GROVE DR 78741	CITY OF AUSTIN	no	107088.71	0.00%
0303170221	6225 CLOVIS ST 78741	CLOVISELLIOTT6225 LLC	no	4011.16	0.00%
0302170316	CLOVIS ST 78741	DAVIDSON JONATHAN A & MICHELLE E TEAGUE	yes	10924.74	2.99%
0302170303	206 MONTOPOLIS DR AUSTIN 78741	GUESS SEAN C & CYBIL L	yes	23034.12	6.30%
0302170321	6202 CLOVIS ST 78741	HARP CYNTHIA A & DANIEL I HARP	yes	13030.44	3.56%
0302170320	6204 CLOVIS ST 78741	HARP CYNTHIA A & DANIEL I HARP	no	9040.61	0.00%
0302170319	208 KEMP ST 78741	HARP CYNTHIA A & DANIEL I HARP	no	11735.12	0.00%
0303170122	208 KEMP ST 78741	KEATING ELIZABETH J	no	5206.05	0.00%
0302170310	6218 GROVE DR 78741	MONTOPOLIS BRIDGE CONSERVANCY LLC	no	15298.29	0.00%
0302170312	GROVE DR 78741	MONTOPOLIS BRIDGE CONSERVANCY LLC	no	28673.03	0.00%
0302170317	KEMP ST 78741	SMITH TERRANCE & VICKIE	yes	9155.84	2.50%
0303170220	6217 CLOVIS ST 78741	VILLARREAL JOE & MARY ELLEN	yes	9440.72	2.58%
0302170501					
0302170502	202 MONTOPOLIS UNIT A	HALE JENNIFER L & CATHERINE LAUREN SZOT			
0302170503	202 MONTOPOLIS DR UNT B	OSSAI UCHENNA			
0302170504	204 MONTOPOLIS DR 204A	BEZNER JANET R & NANCY K LESCH			
0302170505	204 MONTOPOLIS DR 204B	ROSS COLIN P & KATE R BERO	yes	33999.83	9.30%
Total				317707.23	27.23%

PETITION

Date: 6/19/2020

File Number: C14-2020-0030

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6206 Clovis Street

To: Austin City Council

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Printed Name

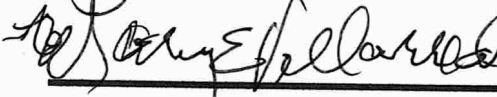
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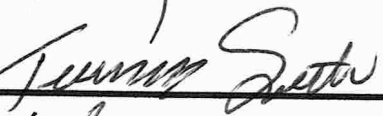
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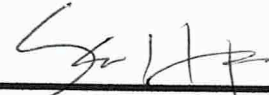
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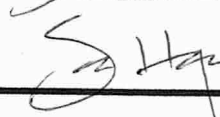
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