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Subject: relating to August 27 meeting item #116

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Dear Andrew,

please add these comments to the packet for the meeting relating to the below referenced PUD request, item #116 on the agenda. Thank you.

To the Austin City Council, in reference to the PUD commonly known as the "Schlotzsky's PUD" located at 218 S. Lamar Boulevard, which is on the agenda for August 27, 2020.

The Barton Place Homeowner's Association wishes to register its opposition to this project as a very close neighbor roughly 500' away from the above referenced location. Barton Place's main garage entrance for all 300 residents is located on Toomey Road and will be directly, negatively impacted by the project's current structure.

Our opposition is in alignment with every neighborhood association around us plus the Austin Neighborhood Association because of the following :

- The misuse of the PUD status/zoning (it is a development planning tool for special circumstances for 10 acres or more)
- The development is attempting to identify the Watershed Overlay as a special circumstance for their project being just over an acre, rather than what the Watershed Overlay is, which is to protect the area in relation to building height and progressive environmental standards.
- Faulty traffic studies and incomplete communication between the S Lamar Corridor Improvement Project.
 - 635 car garage will be exiting onto already burdened residential street, Toomey.
 - Plus the addition of the Dourghy Arts Center Project garage plan of +200 parking garage onto Toomey.
 - Plus the addition of the Riverside & Lamar hotel/condo building project parking garage exit into that area.

- Toomey feeds into South Lamar where the South Lamar Improvement project is reducing 6 lanes to 4 between Riverside and Barton Springs.
- The project is an office project with no residential.

Our entire residential community will be directly and negatively impacted by the inability to enter or exit Toomey Road if this project is approved as currently structured. We will be unable to access Lamar Boulevard, which is the only exit to access any roadways without being forced to make U-turns on Barton Springs Boulevard. This is unworkable and extremely unsafe.

Austin will be negatively impacted by the additional traffic directly in the flow of residents who come to the Hike and Bike Trail and the entire Zilker Park area. Heavy traffic added to what is already in the area will make it even harder for any resident of Austin to access the fitness trail, Barton Springs Pool and Zilker Park, as well as Butler Shores and golf area and the Long Center.

This area is what makes Austin unique. It is absolutely critical that it be managed according to the existing Watershed Overlay Ordinance, which comprehends the desires of the people of Austin.

Please vote against this ill-considered plan.

Kind regards,

Nina Rowan Heller, Rebecca Taylor
President, Secretary
Barton Place Homeowners Association