

ZONING CASE NPA-20201-0021 and C14-2021-0008.SH

To the City of Austin Planning Commission:

The EROC Contact Team has voted to oppose the Case NPA-2021-0021.01. The EROC Contact Team has supported numerous affordable housing developments in the EROC area, but we would like to see this property continue to be used for a civic purpose that will benefit the residents of this area. This Methodist Church functioned as a community center for this area for years because the city did not provide a community center for the 20,000 low-income residents in the adjacent apartments. The church property hosted offices and facilities for immigration lawyers, a public health nurse, youth outreach programs, and many other community services. This church is the last centrally located property suitable for a community center. This site already has a meeting room, gym, offices, and commercial kitchen. It can operate as a community center immediately. The EROC community would like the opportunity to work with the church and the city to provide a badly needed community center to the neglected residents of this area. Please deny this rezoning request.

Malcolm Yeatts Chair, EROC Contact Team