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I am a decades resident of Allandale - since the 1960s. I am a multiple prperty owner. Do you know how many calls I get every week to buy my houses?? I am also a former president of Allandale Neighborhood Association (twice) and Board Member (4 years). What is going on in our neighborhood with the tear down of one story homes and the lot line to lot line two story no class boxes is awful. These houses that are being built now will not be here in 50 years like mine is. They are selling for over a million and within a few years will have more problems than you can imagine and be torn down.

Austin was a very nice town and a town to be proud of - but - in the 1970s the Lege let City Hall make the decision of height downtown - huge mistake. The two focal points of the city are the Capitol and the UT Tower - neither of which you can see from most vantage points. Those high rises downtown will also not be here in 50 years - they will be torn down and something else will go in - worse.

There is nothing wrong with history and preservation. Money is not always everything. Right now, a million doesn't get you anything in Austin. If these houses are torn down in years there will be regret and wonder why we can't reconstruct them!

Save the history - developers need to get a grip - think about your legacy, that's all you have.

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