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Hello Mrs. Rhoades,

I am out of the country and cannot attend the city council meeting regarding the above mentioned case.

I won about 10 properties in the area where this case is located and one of them is diagonally in front of the lot at Bessie avenue which Stripes is trying to convert to a driveway. I protest due to the following reason.

1. The ZAP members should have been notified of the location between 2 residential houses so that they could have taken an informed decision. They were not informed
2. There is a clear compatibility issue because commercial lots call for 25 ft setback from residential houses - how will they build a driveway with that set back from both sides.
3. So we will be bringing cars from a highway (71) into a residential neighborhood - was there any traffic study done? Was any safety assessment done? This will create enormous safety issues.
4. What about light pollution for the neighbors all around including my lot which is just on the other side (driveways need lights)
5. The subdivision was created before the city annexed it. So for usage change we need a "lot vacation" with 100% of subdivision support.(this directly affects the neighbors)
6. The gas station has enormous space on 71 (more than 200ft) to create both entry and exit - they don't need that residential lot. They are doing it because they know if they can build the driveway then eventually the neighbors will sell and then they can have the entire block. If that is the case then they should offer handsome money to the neighbors to vacate their lots.

I will request you to kindly distribute this to all council members before the meeting because the question they should answer is - would they allow it in west Austin or Hyde park?

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regards

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