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Subject: Support for Case Number HR 21-193614 - 1808 W 6th Street

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To Amber Allen,

Please accept this email as a word **in favor** of the proposed project for eight or more condominium units at 1808 W. 6th street.

I am in favor of making Austin a more walkable, accessible city with more abundant housing. This proposal will do much more good for the city's housing situation by creating eight new homes where there is currently just one home (which I understand to be unoccupied as a residence) in a centrally located area.

Similarly, the current site density does not support sustainable public transportation service. But when redeveloped at eight units this site will just reach a transit-supportive density and be able to better contribute to Austin's public transportation goals to reduce car dependency, particularly because it is within 1/2 mile of several different bus stops / lines.

Redevelopment of this site also allows the contextual adjacencies of today (the presence of Mopac difficult site grading, etc.) to be taken into account that were not present long ago when the site was originally developed. As the proposed site plan and elevations (as accessed from <https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=373271>) suggest, the redevelopment will create grade-responsive front entries along 6th / Theresa and overall improve upon the current awkward site condition.

Furthermore, this project also creates the opportunity to improve the public realm for both the future residents and current neighbors. Unmanaged speeds and access to the mopac on-ramp make for dangerous vehicular speeding; and with the lack of sidewalks in various areas pedestrians are quite vulnerable when transitioning from Theresa around to 6th street. This project has the opportunity to - at the very minimum - incorporate improved sidewalk design, right-sized curb cuts / curb radii to slow car traffic in and out of the site, and enhanced native landscaping to contribute to a better pedestrian experience. Similarly, it is my hope that the City of Austin would also take this opportunity to improve the safety of the roadway conditions in this area to slow vehicular speeds at the same time. Nevertheless, latter ask of the city aside, this project will make the site better for neighbors and all those who walk by the site regularly, myself included.

Thank you,
Sarah Simpson
711 Patterson Avenue

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