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Subject: 815 W.11th (item B-13) -- please support the request for 60'

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Hey Planning Commissioners:

I hope you'll vote to support applicant's request, and staff's recommendation, for 60 feet of height at 815 W.11th Street. This is item B-13 on your agenda for Tuesday, Jan. 11.

The Downtown Austin Plan was approved over a decade ago. In the years since then, we've adopted Imagine Austin (2012), the Strategic Housing Blueprint (2017), the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (2018), and Project Connect (2020). All of these plans argue for a more compact, transit-oriented central city. Restricting this site to 40 feet of height would fly in the face of all those more recent planning efforts.

We really need to start taking climate change seriously. That means allowing greater density in central locations like this that can be served well by transit.

I have lived in old homes in this neighborhood since 1990. In my view, the most urgent priority for our neighborhood is to add more housing, as the applicant proposes here. Welcoming new neighbors serves the interests of this neighborhood, this city, and this planet.

Thanks for your service, and for considering this input.

Best regards,

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