From: Kimmi Duong

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 4:04 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Kimmi Duong. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

As a small business owner in Austin, I am appalled at the disregard of safe spaces for marginalized communities.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Kimmi Duong

#### Café Crème

Coffee, Crêpes & Treats. Nom Appétit!

 From:
 Ivy

 Sent:
 Friday, April 15, 2022 4:11 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Ivy Pritchard and I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th RECORDED BY EMAIL. You can reach me by email at

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Thank you,

Ivy Pritchard

#### Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Katherine N Enders

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 4:26 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** Expressing Strong Disapproval of the 4th Street Demolition Request

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Katie Enders and I am a resident of Austin. My phone number is

I'm reaching out in response to the Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th Street block between Colorado and Lavaca. I am strongly against Item A1 and would like to speak about this at the May 4th meeting.

I am a graduate student in community planning with strong interests in historic preservation, and to that end I have been interning for local non-profit Preservation Austin since September 2021. The sole purpose of my internship has been to research and document places of historic and cultural significance to groups such as the Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ communities that have been overlooked and ignored by the preservation movement since its inception--including in Austin. These communities are woefully underrepresented on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Austin Historic Landmarks list. Unfortunately, many of the important places that were significant to these groups are already gone--their history is gone. Historic preservation is about remembering and honoring everyone's history. I am against Item A1 on the agenda because allowing this demolition to proceed is repeating the past and adding to the erasure of the history of the LGBTQ community in Austin.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Best,

KATIE ENDERS | She/Her

UTSOA | M.S. Community and Regional Planning '23 | UTEID: kne492

From: Ashley Love <

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 4:41 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** 4th Street Demolition

#### \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

#### Hello,

I'm writing to share my opposition to the plans to demolish Coconut Club, Oilcan Harry's and Neon Grotto on 4th Street. Austin's Historic Landmark Commission has an obligation to preserve the culture and character of Austin's unique neighborhoods, and the community would gain **nothing** from another luxury high rise to cater to high-income residents, many of whom are likely new to the city or part-time residents. Lately it feels like the commission exists for the sole purpose of enriching developers from outside our city and state.

I chose to make Austin my home 6 years ago and have been a part of its growth. I love that the city is expanding and that so many people want to be a part of this community, but the growth can't come at the expense of what makes our city special. Austin is one of the only cities in Texas that feels welcoming to all kinds of people. It's one of the only cities that feels connected to its past while also having a dynamic, hopeful spirit. The buildings in the 4th street district are an important part of Austin's history, and throwing in a bar with the same name at the bottom of a high rise while wiping out the remaining gay bars is not honoring that history.

At a time when legislatures across the country are censoring the history and experiences of LGBTQ people, Austin needs to take a different path and prioritize community over short-term investment. Of course we need more housing to accommodate our growing city, but we can do that without knocking down some of the most historic buildings in downtown Austin.

From: Bianca Garcia

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 5:02 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Rose Garcia. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Rose Garcia

They/Them

From: noreply@coadigital.onbehalfof.austintexas.gov on behalf of City of Austin

<noreply@coadigital.onbehalfof.austintexas.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 5:28 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** please help

This message is from Peach Tinsley.

I would like to express my disapproval of item Al on the agenda for the May 4th City Hall hearing. The demolition of Coconut Club, Neon Grotto, and Oilcan Harry's would damage the LGBTQ+ community's presence in Austin and remove vital spaces for community members to thrive.

Please help us. protect us.

**From:** sam smothermon <

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 6:12 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Sam Smothermon. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

As a queer woman in the community, 4th street has been a safe space for me. In any other inch of Austin, I will be harassed and questioned by men. Tearing down 4th street means you are ripping safety from so many people. It's selfish and purely financially motivated. For a city that is supposed to do the best for it's residents, this is an attack on queer people, who make up a large portion of this city. Think about who you are alienating and for what cause.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Thanks,

Sam S.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sandra Dryden

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 6:19 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

#### \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Sandra Dryden. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded via email. You can reach me by phone at

We do not need more condos. What we do need are more safe spaces for marginalized communities.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Best regards, Sandra Dryden

From: Kendall Bradley <

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 6:57 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Kendall Bradley. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th by email. You can reach me by phone at

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Thank you.

**Kendall Bradley** 

From: Lauren Gregorczyk

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 7:41 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is {INSERT FIRST AND LAST NAME}. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th {IN PERSON, VIA PHONE, OR RECORDED BY EMAIL}. You can reach me by phone at {YOUR PHONE NUMBER} and by email at {YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS}.

{DELETE THIS IF NOT USING {INSERT RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL BODY TEXT - PERSONAL STORIES, BEING QUEER, TEXAS/GOV. ABBOTT ATTACKING QUEER RIGHTS, ETC}}

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Jesse Kasnicki

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 7:47 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Jesse Kasnicki. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1.

Austin needs to show our LGBTQA+ community it's full support by protecting the 4th street district.

#### Jesse Kasnicki

**From:** Jeremy Sheffield

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 7:49 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

#### \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Jeremy Sheffield. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

The businesses on 4th street are a haven for those of us in the LGBTQ+ community. Amidst attacks to our human rights, our legitimacy, and our history- both local and nationwide- it is spaces like these that we find shelter and the ability to be ourselves. Where we can feel like we belong in a world that so often wants to other us.

This new high rise building does not offer sanctuary: shelter: peace: a safe space. None of this will be found. These buildings will bring a new clientele to 4th street, one of affluence and privilege that cannot and WILL NOT understand or tolerate who we are. How long after this tower is erected before we are pushed out of a space we have called home for so long? How long before we are "relocated" to somewhere we will neither be seen nor heard.

History has shown time and again that when new residents move in- someone must go. Here me clearly when I say this is not what we want; this is not what we NEED. I urge you to reconsider the long-term impact this will have on a community of people who simply want a place to call "home."

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Regards, Jeremy Sheffield

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Regards,

Jeremy Sheffield

American Sign Language to English Interpreter

From: Wynne Harrison

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 9:03 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

#### \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Wynne Harrison. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

This is an incredibly important landmark of the queer community in Austin. Allowing it to be demolished would be a regression, and further communicate that queer people are not valued in Texas. Please protect this important facet of Austin community.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Thank you,
Wynne Harrison

From: Garrett Chase

**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 10:33 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation; Mayor Adler; District 1; District 3; District 4; District 5; District 6; District 7; District 8;

District 9; District 10; Office of the Mayor

**Subject:** Preserve 4th Street!

#### \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

Good Evening Historic Preservation Office, Mayor Adler, and Austin City Council Members,

I am writing to you this evening to express my vehement opposition to the proposed demolition of 4th street as we currently know it — otherwise referred to as Item A1 on the docket for the meeting on May 4th. I understand that this is an ongoing discussion and a decision has yet to be made, but I wished to provide my feedback and concern for this issue in advance of the upcoming meeting.

First, I believe — along with thousands of others in Austin — that 4th Street is more than an array of bars. 4th Street is a community hub, a cornerstone of Austin's nightlife, and a safe space for so many in the LGBTQIA+ community. I'm not sure of all of your political and social equality stances, so I will instead share my personal experience with 4th Street. Until the age of 18, I was in a psychologically abusive household environment controlled by homophobic blood relatives. For years, I was terrified to own parts of identity I knew to be true, so I hid them and allowed it to eat away at me from deep inside. I planned, in secret, for years until I was financially independent enough to distance myself and cease contact with these harmful people — and I ended up in Austin. As I began to immerse myself in the massive LGBTQIA+ presence and community here, I was overjoyed at the ability to express myself freely in spaces which welcomed and embraced those of us in the LGBTQIA+ community who often experienced abuse, attacks, and hatefulness in many places. An incoherent amount of homophobia and transphobia exists even in a city as welcoming as Austin, and affirming places allow us to express ourselves — to *be ourselves* — comfortably. 4th Street has allowed me to accept myself in ways I never thought possible and to meet people in the LGBTQIA+ community who are experiencing this freedom for the first time, those who have loved this part of Austin for years, and those who have experienced an Austin before these safe spaces and have watched in awe as they found (and built) places to be accepted.

It is not possible for non-queer people to fully understand the importance of safe spaces such as 4th Street, but I beseech you to find something in my story and everyone else's that you connect with. You have LGBTQIA+ family members, friends, colleagues, or kids (if you don't, you will at some point), and we are dependent on those of you with the compassion to allow us to be ourselves and find places to express ourselves comfortably. We need all of you to protect 4th Street in its current state to protect these places we can flourish.

There are plenty of other places in Austin in desperate need for development, and tearing down a community hub is not the way to go. Please, please, take the community's input before that of developers that care nothing about the culture of this city. We need solidarity, not reckless development.

I appreciate your time, and I truly hope you consider keeping 4th Street as the community hub it is, it has been for years, and that which it has the potential to continue being.

# Garrett R. Chase

Pronouns: He | Him

**From:** julia ottenberg

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 12:22 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** Statement on item 1A- May 4th meeting

#### \*\*\* External Email - Exercise Caution \*\*\*

To whom it may concern,

My name is Julia Ottenberg and i would like to speak on ITEM A1 as a resident of Austin. Please include my comment via email at the May 4 meeting as I will not be able to attend in person, but care strongly about this issue. I am against the demolition of 4th street businesses as a member of the LGBTQ community and Austin local.

Living in Texas as a young gay woman, it can be hard to find completely safe and accepting spaces. Several of the bars housed on 4th street that would be demolished have provided that crucial space for myself and my community to dance, connect, listen to local music and support local performers. The LGBTQ community of this city is an integral part of Austin culture, and preserving LGBTQ cultural spaces is of utmost importance. These buildings are more than just buildings, they are established cultural hubs where people can go to safely experience the art, music, and life that is the heartbeat of Austin. Please stop the demolition of these 4th street bars and preserve venues that makes this city beautiful.

Thank you,
Julia ottenberg

From: Jeanne Schultz

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 6:37 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** 4th street: Preserve culture + safe spaces

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#### Dear Preservation Team,

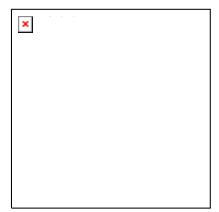
Please consider rejecting the new mixed-use development on 4th street in honor of preserving a vital part of Austin's culture and space spaces for the LGBTQI community and marginalized people. We strongly object to this development, and want to make a pointed notion that while more housing is needed in Austin - especially affordable housing - Austin must preserve the spaces that are and have been serving the city for years. There are plenty of other properties and opportunities for developers to create mixed-use developments. This particular place is not appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

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Best,

Jeanne Schultz, Assoc. AIA \$\$Director

Please note new contact info below.



From: Kacey Gore

Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 7:52 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** We are AGAINST A1.

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To whom it may concern,

The city of Austin claims to be progressive but it's truly just a joke. As a lifelong resident, It's disgusting that the city won't do what it easily can to protect the LGBTQIA district. We do not need another high rise. We need to preserve the culture and community that makes this city what it is. The City of Austin needs to protect 4th street and their LGBTQIA residents. Myself and thousands of others are strongly against item A1 and we want our voices heard. This is unacceptable and we will not stand for it. You will see us at the meeting on May 6th and we will be heard.

**Kacey Gore** 

Sent from my iPhone

From: Naomi Nelson

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:01 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Naomi Nelson. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th RECORDED BY EMAIL. You can reach me by phone at

As a young Black queer professional woman Coconut Club was the first space I felt comfortable I, not on the east side. Austin needs pockets of love thru out the city, and state of TEXAS/GOV. ABBOTT. We should be protecting our citizens not picking and choosing who to serve based on finances.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

#### Naomi Nelson

From: Sarah Stacey

Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:28 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** Coco and oil can Harry's

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Hello, I strongly object to the new building that will replace oil can Harry's and coconut club. Those two companies especially oil cans have served the marginalized community of LGBTQIA since I moved here a decade ago. Austin really needs to conserve businesses in buildings like that have served that community because developers are moving in and taking away everything that made this city Austin and made me fall in love with it. Preservation needs to happen in order to maintain some of the city's identity. Austin's motto was keep Austin weird. And the city is doing nothing in order to preserve that. It will be a major loss to a city that is losing its identity.

Also my apologies for all the errors. I'm dictating this to text because I'm holding my toddler. So you know that it's not a self-serving post. I'm writing this on behalf of people that frequent these places because it's their community and home away from home.

Let's not let what happened to San Francisco happen to Austin.

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Rachel Daily

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:46 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Rachel Daily and I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca. I'm a local business owner in Austin ('Cure Studios) and a member of the LGBTQ community. I also work full time on top of owning a business and prior to the pandemic spent my 9-5 hours near the capital building working downtown.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

The community spaces and places that made Austin a city everyone wanted to move to are being erased. Queer folks including myself have been here for decades prior to the influx of Valley money and seeing local businesses being erased is going to kill Austin's legacy. No one wants a chef inspired restaurant that doesn't pay their rent (see Simi as an example) and would rather have the safe spaces that local, private owners have worked their whole lives to create. The fact there aren't more city protections in place from turning Austin into another Dallas is appalling - but at least the attacks on women, people of color, queer folks, and the erasure of spaces for us to peacefully exist is consistent. Money talks. But the silence from the city to protect what made us great in the first place is deafening.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Rachel Daily

Owner: 'Cure Studios

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Stephanie Hall

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 10:20 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** ITEAM A1

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Hello,

I'm writing to oppose item a1 the replacement of current buildings on 4th street for a new mixed use high rise development.

Thanks,

Stephanie

From: Lori Scarmardo

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 10:40 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** Demolition of 4th Street District

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I am writing to ask that you not allow the demolition of Austin's queer district on 4th Street for yet another mixed use high rise that no one can afford.

Austin's queer spaces, like Oilcan Harry's, are culturally & historically significant & should be protected. For generations these were the only spaces where the LGBTQ+ community could openly live & celebrate one another. Today they still provide a safe & welcoming space, away from much of the homophobia, transphobia, & misogyny found in much of Austin's bar & club scene. Allowing the demolition of this block would be a massive blow to the LGBTQ+ community.

Please vote against this destruction & stand with the queer community to preserve our history.

Thank you,

Lori Scarmardo

Fifth generation Texan; Austin born & raised Proud member of the LGBTQ+ community

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Kaitlin Piraro

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 10:55 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Kaitlin Piraro. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded via email. You can reach me by phone at

As a 16-year resident of Austin and a queer person, I have seen the active erasure of marginalized community spaces in this city for years. Every major city in America has a protected space for queer people to feel safe and supported. 4th street is that queer space for Austin and it needs to be kept intact. Developers build hotels and condos to bring more people to this city, but when all of the things that make Austin special are destroyed in the process, why would people continue to come? Please protect 4th street and don't allow yet another uniquely Austin space to be destroyed.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Thank you,

Kaitlin Piraro

From: Coryn H

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 11:49 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Coryn Hauk. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th BY EMAIL. You can reach me by phone at

The businesses here affected, including Coconut Club, Neon Grotto, and Oilcan Harry's, are considered a key and safe place within the Austin area for residents and tourists alike to find inclusive, safe, and culturally diverse representation and entertainment. The presence of these unique places within Austin's nightlife is invaluable.

Austin is a massive and diverse city with endless growth every day. To barely have a district dedicated to the overlooked and underrepresented queer community is despicable in comparison to every other major city. Now, to tear down the very little that has been built with the intent to cater only to the overly-accomodated demographic? A key part of the very thing which attracts people to Austin, unique experiences, vibrancy, and the hope of a new, expanded, future, are about to be destroyed. There are plenty of empty spaces and levels of already existing high rises you could make use of.

The destruction of such important places for just another high rise with no concrete promise to relocate or provide a space for similar businesses to open, puts paths towards the resolution of underrepresentation, exclusion, and gentrification that affects a multitude of citizens every day at higher risk. The people of Austin see the impacts of your choices on their lives. How long can you continue exploiting the people and places that make this unique city a home?

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

From: Rikerr Ky

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 12:27 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Riker Kelly. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th via Email. You can reach me by phone at

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

From: Rocky Lane

Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 3:24 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Rocky Lane he/him/his LGBTQIA2s+ community member, public safety commissioner and HIV planning council member.

I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca. Please do not allow any removal of any important and vital locations the Igbtqia2s+ community uses to connect and collaborate in these incredibly trying times for our community.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th RECORDED BY EMAIL. You can reach me by phone at

My work with this city has been to illustrate and prove that we need a critical infrastructure support on all potential options to create MORE spaces, and resources for our local community immediately. The work that I have done to bring community forward to advocate and describe how we are completely out of resources locally and require spaces that are specifically for us including more community spaces, more resource centers, more training, more employment options, etc .

Our community uses this as one of the only recognizable LGBTQIA2s+ areas in the entire city. Other locations are located in less than optimal and isolated areas contributing to violence and safety concerns from our people.

Removing even one bar or gathering location creates an instability that will be debilitating to sections of our community and especially people of color in our community.

I think the fact that our leadership has to hear about these proposals via news outlets instead of as a city effort to instead find developers who seek to boost our economy and not destroy it as a lifeblood for our diversity and inclusion values is appalling.

It makes all of us in the community working along side you look like we are incapable of building the city we need to thrive and is not what I expect as a colleague and valued member of our community.

I want to know why this is even in the table and where we are supposed to send these people for employment and support since we are now shrinking this area and causing an increasingly more dangerous environment for our community moving into the next fiscal year.

How does this uplift the work and recommendations of the lgbtq quality of life commission that we were asked to support and review?

I would appreciate a complete stop to this proposal process until we have time to learn about the new and improved community spaces that we will be offered to replace these huge losses.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

# Rocky Lane he/him



Rocky he/him & Sarah she/they



From: Katherine Gunderson

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 5:06 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** May 4 item 1A Against!

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Hello;

The Hanover Co. proposal for downtown 4th street cannot go through as planned. As a 10 year resident and a queer community member, I have to express my vehement rejection of this plan.

The queer community in Austin NEEDS places like Coconut Club, Neon Grotto, and Oilcan Harry's to thrive. We are truly not just talking about nightclubs, we are talking about sacred spaces where queer people in Austin can be fully themselves. Spaces which, in our ever expanding and changing city, are becoming harder to find. Now more than ever, it is important to protect these safe havens, lest LGBTQIA+ Austinites be pushed to the suburbs with everyone else.

I see the plans grant space for OCH on the ground floor, but I can personally attest I will feel much less comfortable walking into OCH under the shadow of a high rise alongside the residents who can afford to live in a downtown high rise. Queer spaces grant protection to folks who go against the grain. There is power and safety in numbers, when we all enter a club together dressed to express ourselves however we want. How will the developers react when the drag queens are walking in or out after their shows? When busy nights have gays lined down the street in gear, garters, and all other regalia? How long before the residents in this 40 story tower tire of the bass and revelry downstairs? In short, how long before this deal goes sour and Oilcan Harry's is forced to relocate.

The queer community in Austin deserves space to be our most authentic selves, and newcomers Coconut Club and Neon Grotto have proven to be just that. They've wasted no time connecting to the community here and putting on events that strengthen our bonds and celebrate who we are. They should not be pushed aside.

This plan will likely set a precedent for developers to follow. Will Rain be next? How long before 4th street is entirely unrecognizable, and the heart of our queer community in Austin is cobbled over to make more room for wealthy tech industrialists?

Please, reject these plans and protect 4th street. Please record my dissent via email as I will not be able to make the May 4 meeting and I would like my dissent to be noted.

Signed Sincerely,

A concerned community member

From: Stacy Lynes

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 6:49 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Stacy Lynes. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by email at

It's important to have long-standing venues and homesteads like this to where everyone can feel welcome and included. Many straight people can go to a local bar and feel like home, not every LGBTQ+ person has that same feeling. Everyone deserves a safe area to go and enjoy themselves without worry of judgment. Demolishing these businesses is demolishing the spirit of an entire livelihood; part of what makes Austin so great. Apart from the patrons you will be shutting out, these businesses have already been through so much the last two years -- don't dull the light -- let them keep shining.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

From:

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:36 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** I Oppose A1!

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I Oppose A1! Please do not let developers erase Austin. I'm all for expansion and growth but not at the expense of our city's culture.

-Eric

From: Rachel Carneglia

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 9:12 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Rachel Carneglia. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

This demolition request is ridiculous, especially in a city that claims to be welcoming and supportive of the LBTQIA2S+ community. To even consider getting rid of the most important queer clubs in the city and some of the only queer spaces we have is an insult to the Austin we claim to be. Please consider historic designation for this area so that we can ensure these spaces stay open.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and any additional information. Thank you.

#### -Rachel

From: Casey McElroy

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 9:56 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Casey McElroy. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded through email. You can reach me by phone at

It is THE ONE area of this city where I do not fear stepping out and living my truth. Queer culture has no other safe haven in this city with such a large family giving tremendous support. Stripping the city of this stronghold will yet again attack the foundation it has built itself upon. Way to go.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

#### Cheers,

Casey

From: Yera Yera

**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2022 11:55 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Jonathan Yera. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

One of the few things that has kept major cities alive and well is a level of natural preservation as well as preservation of historical areas and land marks. This is far from the exclusion of historical gay districts. As a trans person there are only so many places that I can go and feel comfortable, as well as being able to see some major queer performers who come into town, outside of fourth street. Not to mention if this item A1 is passed that would give leeway to demolition of other spaces that make this city so special, including a lot of queer venues. So rather than tearing down something to make yet another, high rise condo that is inaccesible, barely even rented out, and continues to push out our house less neighbors, allow space for something important to the community that already lives here and anyone also wanting to move here. I hope it is considered, that the large influx of people speaking against this may be on to something. Sanitizing this city of its history is not only removing anything fun or beautiful about this city it's actually quite frankly evil.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

From: Adara Ney

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 8:23 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** 4th street historic area

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Hello,

My name is Adara Ney, I am an Austin resident and I am very much opposed to the proposal to demolish part of the historic 4th street area. This is an important cultural district of Austin and part of what makes Austin unique. Now more than ever we need to protect safe spaces for our LGBTQ population.

We don't need another high rise. We need to preserve what makes Austin the place we all love to live.

Please relay my opposition to item A1 and these comments to the Austin Historic Landmark Commission.

Adara Ney

Sent from my iPhone

From: Haleemah Shajira

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 10:07 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Haleemah Shajira. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recording by email. You can reach me by email at

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Haleemah Shajira she/her/hers Technical Recruiter | SHI International Corp University of Michigan | Class of 2019

From: Killian Piraro

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 9:24 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Killian Piraro. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th via email. You can reach me by phone at

Austin has already obliterated so many of the unique gems that make Austin a great place to live and move to, replacing them with condos no one can afford and driving out people of lesser means (and even of average means). This particular block of queer establishments is one of the few places I still enjoy downtown, as the central downtown area has become more and more homogenous, less like Austin and more like any other city.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

**From:** Brittany Dobson

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 11:22 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** 4th Street Demolition

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#### Good morning,

I am a LGBTQ+ resident of Austin, reaching out to express my concern and protest against the plans to demolish 4th St. bars to erect yet another high rise.

Community spaces like the ones at risk of being demolished are vital to the queer population, giving us a safe space to celebrate all that makes us beautiful and worthy. These plans are not only an attack on our community, but another example of Austin abandoning its culture in favor of rich outside investors.

I respectfully ask that this project be rejected to preserve our city and to support the queer community that call it home.

Warmly, Britt Dobson

**From:** Tiffany Moorman

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 11:28 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Tiffany Moorman and I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment recorded via email on May 4th. You can reach me by email at

This HISTORIC area of Austin is one of the many diverse areas that first brought people to this amazing city. LGBTQ people began calling Austin home when so many other places in Texas were not accepting of their lifestyles. Oil Can Harry's has been part of that landscape of welcomeness for 30 years. Although the company says they will offer them a space, help them relocate during construction and more. What will the cost be? Will the rent be exactly the same as the business pays now to ensure they can afford it? Will the space be as convenient, will new upstairs neighbors constantly complain about the noice thus forcing a change in the noise ordinance as we saw at Stubbs when those condos were built? Will the "vibe" completely change.

Now, with our Governor attacking so many in this community, you are going to allow the destruction of the one area of town that should be given historical landmark privileges? It is so frustrating and sad to see the Austin I have known and loved for over 30 years being destroyed yet again.

Yes, growth is necessary but if we continue to destroy the neighborhoods that made Austin, Austin, what is the point. The city that drew these Texas amazing "weirdos" is slowly being destroyed. As long as we continue to allow this to happen, we will be left with a very expensive shell of a once beautiful, caring, supportive, city.

Unfortunately, that ship has already begin to sail and so many of us feel as though we're screaming into the wind but if we give up and quit making our voices heard, we are no better than those of you allowing the destruction.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Thank you,
Tiffany Moorman

From: Abigail Briggs

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 9:52 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Abigail Briggs. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by email at

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Best,

Abigail

From: Jessie Lucas

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 10:03 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is {INSERT FIRST AND LAST NAME}. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th {IN PERSON, VIA PHONE, OR RECORDED BY EMAIL}. You can reach me by phone at {YOUR PHONE NUMBER} and by email at {YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS}.

{DELETE THIS IF NOT USING {INSERT RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL BODY TEXT - PERSONAL STORIES, BEING QUEER, TEXAS/GOV. ABBOTT ATTACKING QUEER RIGHTS, ETC}}

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

**From:** Shimarah Mehrotra

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 11:01 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** NO to the 4th Street Demolition

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#### Good evening,

My name is Shimarah, and I have been an Austin area resident for 8 years. I'm writing to speak on ITEM A1, regarding the demolition of queer bars on 4th St. I am against demolishing of any of the queer bars on 4th St. or elsewhere in the city to build a mixed-use development. I will not be available to speak on this issue in person or by phone at the hearing on May 4th, so please confirm that you have received my email and will record my comments as part of the hearing.

4th St. is Austin's only dedicated LGBTQ+ district, despite the fact that Austin is home to the third largest population of LGBTQ+ people in terms of large metro areas in the U.S. These bars have historically been spaces of safety, entertainment, and income for members of the LGBTQ+ community in Austin and the surrounding area.

This development is one of many in the area that will further displace and threaten the safety and feeling of belonging for members of our queer and transgender community who have played a large part in creating Austin's image as a vibrant, radical city that it leverages for profit at every opportunity. The negative impacts of this demolition will be felt even more by people with multiple marginalized identities (Black, Indigenous, People of Color, disabled people, immigrants) who encounter and feel the effects of discrimination based on additional parts of their identities.

In public health, we know that built environment is a social determinant of health, which means it plays a major role in the health and quality of life of residents. A built environment that further isolates residents tends to contribute to adverse physical, mental, and psychological health outcomes.

I hope that developers and stakeholders will consider the health and quality of life of its LGBTQ+ residents and identify another location for this multi-use development - and make it accessible and affordable!

Best,

Shimarah Mehrotra (she/her/hers), MPH, CPH

From: Marissa Galicia

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 11:19 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Marissa Galicia. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me at +

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

From: Joanna Gallegos

**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2022 11:39 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Joanna Gallegos.

I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

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Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Queer Austinite,

Joanna Gallegos (they/them)

**From:** Mo-Mo Taylor

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 8:29 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Moriah Taylor. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Layaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th via this recorded email. You can reach me by phone at

I've grown up in Austin and the surrounding areas and I don't even recognize our city anymore. Stop targeting marginalized community safe spaces. We're queer, Austinites and refuse to be pushed around. If you insist on destroying everything that makes Austin wonderful, I'm sure you can find another place that isn't claimed as a safe space. Keep Austin weird, leave 4th st alone.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Best,

Moriah Taylor

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Sent from my Android phone with Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

**From:** bailey coody

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:48 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** Save 4th Street!

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Hello,

I am writing this email this morning to state my protest for the demolishing of a Cultural Austin Landmark, 4th street and the bars and safe spaces for the LGBTQIA+ community. Austin is know for it's welcoming atmosphere and the community of LGBTQIA+ and POC who call Austin their home. Demolishing these spaces on 4th street would be taking away a huge part of the culture and community that thrives there. Please reconsider the idea proposed to demolish these places and think of the community you will be hurting and taking from. If possible, I am also requesting to speak on their behalf on May 4th.

Respectfully,

**Bailey Coody** 

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sydney Williams

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 10:50 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Tater Williams. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

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Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

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**From:** America Mergen

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 11:24 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is America. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th . You can reach me by phone at and at this email address.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Alec Irion

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 11:37 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Alec Irion. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Thank you,

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#### **Alec Irion**

From: Leah Kehoe

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 12:14 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Leah Kehoe. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

**From:** Carrie Dagenhard

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 12:21 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Carrie. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST Item A1 and want my comment made public on May 4th (recorded by email). You can reach me by phone at

It is essential that Austin preserve spaces for marginalized communities, less we lose much of what makes this city special. This demolition sends a clear message that Austin does not stand with the queer community, and green lights future projects that can displace and harm marginalized groups.

Please respond as soon as possible with the next steps and additional information.

Thank you!

**From:** Gayle Leonard

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 2:22 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Jamie Leonard. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

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