From: Patrick Pinnell

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 3:18 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** May 4th, Item A1

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Please relay my comment to the HLC on item A1 at the May 4th, 2022 meeting.

Name: Patrick Pinnell

Residence: Austin, TX - 78745

#### Comment:

There are so few LGBT+ spaces in Austin that losing OCH (Oil Can Harry's) is unthinkable. This is effectively tearing out the heart of what we all think of as the 'gay district' in Austin. Doing so mere months after FINALLY recognizing this space with a plaque and some (very nice) rainbow crosswalks is a face slap to the entire LGBT+ community of Austin. This city has a culture of inclusion and is seen as the one city in Texas where anyone can live regardless of color, creed or belief. Any action to diminish or uproot the very small LGBT+ space acts against our beloved city's identity. Thank you.

From: Helen Chavez

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 3:53 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Helen Chavez. 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 gay person living in Austin there is nothing better than spending time on 4th street between Colorado and Lavaca street. This is THE ONLY place in Austin where my friends and I feel safe to be ourselves. The 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca should be made a LGBTQIA+ historical landmark in Austin. Please do not touch this wonderful area.

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

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Best,

Helen Chavez (she/her)

**From:** Gustavo E. Garcia

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 7:19 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Gustavo 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 email at

At what point do we decide we have given up enough of what made Austin a special, desirable place to live? How much more of uniqueness and history must we see deleted in favor of characterless structures found anywhere else in the country and the world? Even if non-members of the LGBTQ community should be against this demolition, we cannot displace another of our communities in favor of overpriced, sterile buildings. We must try to preserve at least a bit of the "weirdness" the city loves to use for its own promotion and advertisement.

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

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#### Gustavo Garcia

**From:** Bailey Poindexter

**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2022 11:34 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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

Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Bailey Poindexter 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 would like my comment to be made public on May 4th recorded by email if possible. You can reach me by phone at

The following quote was taken directly from <u>austintexas.gov</u> (<u>https://www.austintexas.gov/page/imagine-austin-usion</u>):

"Austin is its people. Our city is home to engaged, compassionate, creative, and independent thinking people, where diversity is a source of strength and where we have the opportunity to fully participate and fulfill our potential."

As a bisexual woman, I've felt so accepted and free to explore and define my queerness in Austin, and that isn't something I've truly felt anywhere else in Texas. Diversity absolutely is a strength of this city, but if Item A1 is supported that wouldn't be true anymore. Queer spaces like Coconut Club, Neon Grotto, Oilcan Harry's, and Rain are cornerstones of Austin's LGBTQIA+ community and allow the members of that community "the opportunity to fully participate and fulfill [their] potential" as mentioned in the previous quote.

As proudly mentioned on our city's website, "Austin is its people." The demolition of such a sacred LGBTQIA+ place would serve a devastating blow to Austin and its vibrant culture, as it would strip a large Austin community of one of its most prominent spaces. High-rises can be built anywhere, so why should a marginalized community have to lose part of their culture and home for the sake of this one?

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

Thank you very much!

**Bailey Poindexter** 

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### **Bailey Poindexter**

From: Victor Provencio

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 7:00 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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

Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Victor Provencio. 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 by email at

Sincerely, Victor I. Provencio

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Victor I. Provencio

**From:** Chelsea Tigert

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 7:50 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Chelsea Tigert. 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.

#### Chelsea

**From:** Maddie Siegfried

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 9:38 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Madeleine Graniel. 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, Madeleine

### Sent from my iPhone

**From:** chris chapin

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 1:02 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation **Subject:** Please save 4th street!!

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To whom it may concern,

Please don't let the beauty that is 4th street fall victim to some massive tower.. this is one of the most important historic districts in Austin. It would be an embarrassment for a city as inclusive and welcoming as Austin to demolish a place of pride and safety that has been such a monumental part of our heritage.

Best wishes, Chris Chapin

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Chris Chapin

**From:** Cassadie Petersen

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 1:23 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Cassadie Charlesworth . 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.

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Nishiki K Maredia

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 11:02 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Nishiki Maredia. 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 email at

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

**From:** Andrew Heger

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 1:52 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Andrew Heger. 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

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

#### **Andrew Heger**

From: Dan Stasiewski

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:48 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Dan Stasiewski. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at

As a proud member of Austin's queer community, a community under attack from Greg Abbot and many Texas politicians, I believe the preservation of the 4<sup>th</sup> street block is essential to creating a safe, welcoming city for all LGBTQ+ people.

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

Thanks,

Dan Stasiewski

**From:** Joan Grace Miller

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 6:24 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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

Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Joan Miller. 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

Spaces for marginalized communities to come together in joy are rare and precious. Especially now, with the increased attacks on the queer community, it is imperative that we protect the ones we have. Being in those spaces builds confidence, feelings of safety, and connectedness - things that all of us struggle to find since the pandemic.

If it is a goal to "keep Austin weird" - to keep it vibrant, joyful, and welcoming - then we must protect the communities and spaces that help it be that way.

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

From: Madilyn Brundage

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 7:33 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Good Evening Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Madilyn Brundage, 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 Via email. You can reach me by phone at

I know that there are many of us emailing about this specific impact on the Austin LGBTQ+ community, I hope you listen to our stories with empathy. As a queer woman, coconut club and neon grotto are one of the few places in Austin I can be myself freely. My best memories of Austin are under those neon lights. It's more than getting drunk, demolishing this establishment is erasing safe spaces for your queer Austinites to find their friends, and life partners. To be themselves without the fear of being attacked.

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

**From:** Eric Alonzo

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 8:45 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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

Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Eric Alonzo. 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.

#### Eric Alonzo

From: Chrysta Naron

**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2022 6:16 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Chrysta. 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 voicemail. You can reach me by phone at

I think it is dire that the queer district of Austin be preserved and allowed to flourish. Especially considering Austin's abysmal history and ongoing destruction of marginalized communities.

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

Best,

Chrysta Naron

From: Transfer Credit

**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2022 4:59 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** Item A1

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

#### Good Afternoon,

I am writing you today because I recently heard about the planned demolition of parts of Fourth St. I strongly oppose Item A1 and hope that this demolition does not take affect. I am a gay man living in this state. Austin....4<sup>th</sup> ST is one of the only safe havens I have in this state. It is one of the only places I feel safe and accepted. You are certainly not doing anything in your power to try to make life easier for any LGBTQ citizen living in your state. This will only make our lives harder. Please stop making our lives more difficult than they need to be. Most of us moved away from our uber conservative hometowns to find a place where we could be free to live as ourselves and fall in love with whomever we want and be who we want to be. Nobody is trying to make our lives easier. Everyday new legislation pops up that tries to take away more of our rights, more of our opportunities, and now you are trying to take more of our safe spaces. We don't have that many. We have one street in one city where we feel like we can be ourselves, and that's too much for you all to handle? Stop. Please. Build your high rise on another street. Take over a straight bar. Please do not take some of the few spaces we have in this state to feel comfortable. You've already taken so much. You've given us so little. We deserve to be able to keep this. We deserve more than a street. If we cannot have more, please do not keep making us accept less and expecting us to stay loyal citizens. Everyday it becomes clearer and clearer that there is a great divide in our state between progressives and conservatives. Everyday it becomes clearer and clearer that each new generation becomes more and more progressive. There is nothing you can do to stop that. Progression is not a bad thing. Progress is not a bad thing. The fact that there are so many people in power that try to belittle and make fun of something called "Progressive," the more evil you all look. You are fighting progress on a regular basis and trying to be championed for it. You are losing. Please realize that loss does not mean that you can stop trying to keep your values alive. It just means they need to be adjusted. Not changed; adjusted. They can't continue to force them down everyone's throats. It. Has. Never. Worked. You know what does? Being kind, polite, and accepting. People will flock to those people. If you have a message you're trying to deliver, stop trying to condemn those you want to pull in. And stop demolishing structures where we feel safe from you. Please.

Thank You,

# Dylan Kilday

Transcript Evaluator
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From: Texas Lamar

**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2022 7:00 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

**Subject:** In Support of Historic Landmark Status for 4th St

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Dear Ms. Allen,

I am sending you a statement in support of naming the block of 4th street between Colorado and Lavaca an Austin historic landmark. Below is my statement I wish to be submitted to the commission:

"My name is Texas Lamar and I am a lifelong Central Texan. I am writing in support of historic designation for the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca. I am a proud member of the Austin LGBTQ+ community. I have been a 4th street patron since about 2015. If the city of Austin chooses to allow the building of a high rise on top of Oil Can Harry's, they will be effectively telling a significant portion of the local LGBTQ+ community that they do not care about them, their history, or their culture.

These bars have been a safe space for queer and trans Austinites and visitors to build community and celebrate their culture for decades. Many members of our community do not feel safe experiencing nightlife in almost any other part of town due to discrimination and sometimes targeted violence. While addressing these incidences of bigotry is an equally pressing issue, the city of Austin has the opportunity right now to ensure the legacy of these bars on 4th street.

The 1969 Stonewall Revolution, the spark for the modern day LGBTQ+ rights movement, was started outside of a gay bar in New York City. Queer and trans Americans went to bars like the Stonewall Inn to escape fear and judgement and to be in community. Thankfully, modern gay bars, like Oil Can Harry's, are now more often a place to celebrate our LGBTQ+ identities.

Please contribute to this history of LGBTQ+ spaces in nightlife by designating this area a historic landmark.

Thank you."

Best,

Texas Lamar

From: Michael Castanon

**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2022 3:53 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Michael Castanon. 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 an and by email at

Keeping the historic gay establishments along 4th street is what makes Austin so wonderful. This is a safe haven for the countless LGBTQ+ residents here in Austin, and something that should be protected. We deserve to have a space where we feel comfortable and welcome in our own city.

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

Thank you,

Michael Castanon

From: Christina DiCarlo

**Sent:** Sunday, April 24, 2022 4:38 PM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Christina DiCarlo. 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.

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Stephanie Cahail

**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 8:30 AM

**To:** PAZ Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Stephanie Cahail. 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 a man and by email at

At a time where trans kids are being stripped of their rights in Texas, the LGBTQIA+ community needs this historic safe space more than ever.

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

From: Brianne Peveto

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 3:17 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Brianne Peveto. 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.

**Brianne Peveto** 

**From:** kaylee donovan

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 4:13 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Kaylee Donovan. 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

These locations provide a safe space for marginalized communities to connect and feel supported. Removing them would discourage the support of these communities by the city of Austin. These spaces *must* be available for LGBTQ+ communities to feel safe, seen, and respected. Relying on other bars/atmospheres opens up the door for harassment and assault.

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

**From:** Denver Pinkston

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:12 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Denver Pinkston. 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: Carly Osterman

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 9:01 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Carly Osterman. 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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**From:** Kassidy Montgomery

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 9:16 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Kassidy Montgomery. 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.

### Sent from my iPhone

From: Nikole Sturm

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 11:12 AM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Nik Sturm. 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 comment below:

In 2019 a gay couple suffered a hate crime downtown. Immediately afterwards the LGBTQIA community rallied together and set out to march the streets and let people know that we will not be in the closet. That their hatred and fear are not a deterrent to us living our lives. 4th street provided a safe space for us to rally before the march. It gave us the meeting spot we needed to hear from people from the community. To hear from the victims of that crime. A place for people to make signs and see one another as a larger community. This isn't the first time I've gathered at 4th street after a hate crime. In 2016 after the Pulse night club shooting, 4th street provided a gathering place for us to come together and mourn. We NEED an area like this. Having a place to gather, to be our authentic selves, to see one another, is critical. Demolishing our queer spaces for some sterile development project will have a huge negative impact on the LGBTQIA community. Please oppose this proposed development and preserve this safe space for the queer people of this city. Thank you, Nik Sturm

From: Christian Leman

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 9:48 AM

**To:** HPD Preservation

**Subject:** 201 to 213 W 4TH ST | Contact: Amber Allen | Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, Mar.

28, 2022

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201 to 213 W 4TH ST | Contact: Amber Allen | Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, May, 4th 2022

I hereby object to this demolition. Those very nice historical buildings currently host a set of inclusive LGBTQ establishments with a unique Austin character. Today, Austin protects the character of the straight bars on E. 6th street. Austin should offer the same protection to preserve the character of our gay bars and the unique gay neighborhood that we have.

Please do not allow the demolition.

Thank you for your consideration,

#### -Christian Leman

From: Sarah Durham

Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 12:49 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Sarah Durham . 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,

#### Sarah Durham

From: Rachael Sperling

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 2:25 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

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

The 4th street block is essential to the culture of Austin. It provides a special space for the LGBTQ+ Community in Austin. This needs to be considered.

Thank you, Rachael

From: Jamie

To: HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Jamie Aldridge. 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

4th Street has been one of the last untouched areas of our ever changing Austin. Please vote to not allow the demolition of Oilcans and coconut club. 4th street has been a refuge for so many in Austin in the queer community. Please help us push back against this development.

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

#### Jamie Aldridge

From: Melissa Davis

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:45 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

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

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

Demolition of 4th street would contribute to the continued marginalization of the queer community here in Austin. This is an area of community, security, celebration, and love and should not be destroyed and replaced with development(s) that cater to Austin's wealthiest and predominantly white citizens who contribute nothing to the culture of 4th street.

Governor Abbott and conservative Texas legislators are already attacking the queer community, and more recently trans youth. This population needs safe spaces to live, work, and thrive. Please don't allow another community to be destroyed.

Thank you, Melissa Davis

From: Morgan Constantino

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 11:43 AM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Morgan Constantino. 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

As a ten year resident of this city, I've seen many decisions passed by this body with little regard for preserving safe spaces for our more vulnerable citizens and visitors. Our LGBTQIA+ friends and neighbors have enjoyed the fun and mostly safe spaces along 4th street for decades and they continue to need that space into the future. Our city has a chance to make a good decision to protect this corridor both for humanity and historic preservation to honor all the sacrifices and celebrations that this community will always be worthy of. Stand up for your friends and neighbors! This is a time to be strong for others that NEED your help, in the face of the state legislature who continuously attacks this community and passes unconstitutional laws with the pure intent to make hate grow. You don't have to water that hate garden, you can let it dry out and turn to dust.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Hannah Martin

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 1:02 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Hannah Martin. 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 be email. You can reach me by email at

As a graduate student studying Public History at Texas State I believe tearing down part of 4th street to be an erasure of Austin's queer history. These places are important historical sites where the LGBTQ+ community have gathered historically and still gather today in solidarity. The removal of these places not only erase part of the import queer history of Austin, but also remove safe spaces for queer residents to gather today.

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

#### Hannah Martin

**From:** djsndjsssn

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 1:13 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Sofia Bailey. 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.

Stop silencing queer voices. Queer people deserve protection, love, respect, and acceptance! They are real people. They are human beings. Their love should be celebrated. We shall celebrate their pride.

From: Avery Wallace

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 1:28 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Avery Wallace. 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

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

From: Kayley Smith

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 1:58 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Kayley Smith. 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

I am a bisexual woman, and being new to the city last year and new to being out as well, 4th street has been a respite for me and my many LGBTQ+ friends. It brought me solace in dark times, kindness from strangers, and a whole new life. On top of that, the LGBTQ+ community has already been under attack in Texas - we don't need our safe spaces taken down for housing that is simply not needed in this city. Please stop this horrific demolition - there are other places in Austin to build.

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

Thank you. Warm regards, Kayley Smith

#### Sent from my iPhone

From: Rose Guttman

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 2:58 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Rose Guttman, 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

This area provides a much needed space for LGBTQIA people to share community and joy. These spaces are essential for building community, and demolishing them sends a clear message as to who the city thinks should be in Austin.

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

Thank you, Rose Guttman

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**Rose Guttman** 

roseguttman@gmail.com roseguttman.com

From: Daniel Kramer

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 4:15 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Daniel Kramer. 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 email at

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

From: Cecilia Gomez

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 7:15 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Cecilia. 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

Demolishing this vibrant and historic street for yet another ugly, boring, generic and so called "luxury" development project would be an absolute tragic loss for Austin. I lived in Austin 10 years ago, and I know much has changed since then, but I remember 4th street fondly and destroying such a unique and safe space for the LGBTQ community is absolutely egregious. There is plenty of new development everywhere else in the city - please do not demolish the 4th gay bars!!! We must cherish the character and diversity that remains in Austin, to tear 4th street down and regurgitate the same tired, bland, gray box that exists in every major city today.

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

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**From:** madison m

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 11:40 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Madison McCaughey. 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 email at

These are vital spaces for queer and marginalized communities. Identity is what makes us, us!

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

From: T K

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 11:42 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Treavor KW. 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

I am a native Texan who moved to Austin because it was once a welcoming place for all Texans. Demolishing LGBTQ+ key establishments threatens safe spaces for LGBTQ+ Austinites.

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

Responsible citizen, Treavor KW

From: Sarah I

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 11:49 PM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Sarah Ivey. 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 email at

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

From: Allen VLOGS

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 11:59 PM

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Allen James. 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!

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

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From: Mary Stewart

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 3:11 AM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Mary Stewart. 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 phone call or email. You can reach me by phone at

As a member of the LGBTQIA community, these businesses are so incredibly important in maintaining safe spaces for queer people. These spaces are woven into a massive community of people, from regulars to people like myself, who don't get out often. I cannot stress enough how vital keeping these buildings and the businesses that inhabit them is. We will not be demolished and forgotten.

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

**From:** gloom Boys

**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 5:57 AM

**To:** HPD Preservation

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

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Nadia Gonzales. 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. You can reach me by email at

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