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**From:** Jessica Schanzer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:23 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** AGAINST Item A1

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Hi there,

I'm writing to express that I am strongly AGAINST Item A1. I am saddened and furious that this demolition is being considered by a city that continues to prioritize the wealthy few over inclusion and equity for many. As a member of the queer community, we have very few safe spaces left in this city and I will do all that I can to speak out against this demolition decision.

Please send me information on how I can join on May 4th via phone or in-person. Really hoping to make a difference on this item.

My full name is Jessica Schanzer.  
[REDACTED]

Best,

Jessica

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**From:** Brittany Cordero [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 3:27 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is brittany cordero . 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 [REDACTED] and by email at [REDACTED]

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

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**From:** Shannon Plunkett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 4:48 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item A1

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a lifelong Austinite and member of the LGBTQ+ community, and I am writing to express my opposition to item A1. Safe spaces for the LGBTQ+ community, particularly bars are in fairly small supply here for a city as large as Austin. the 3 bars affected by this project are integral to the community, and the 4th street district is historically a space for our community as well. To allow a development to demolish these bars with a promise of allowing one of them a "discounted" rate would be an insult to Austin's LGBTQ+ community. If the city is truly concerned with being a welcoming place for people of all backgrounds you should focus on protecting the remaining historic spaces for marginalized groups, including this one.

While I believe the protection of existing queer spaces is reason enough for this project to be rejected, I would also like to question the idea of "value added" by this proposed high-rise. I'm sure I don't need to tell you that the vast majority of city residents continue to struggle with our ever-increasing rent costs. Certainly there is a market for luxury high-rise apartments, but I am willing to bet that there are plenty of empty units in other buildings downtown. Additionally, there are many restaurants in this city, not to mention the "chef-driven" type this development is proposing.

In the end, this project is not bringing anything to the city that we do not already have, while also displacing and likely diminishing the already limited spaces available to Austin's LGBTQ+ community. I urge you to reject item A1.

Sincerely,

Shannon Plunkett

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**From:** Adrian S. Haynes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:11 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Adrian Haynes. 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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**From:** Melyssa Fairfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:23 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Melyssa Fairfield. 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 [REDACTED]

The 4th street block is an essential space for marginalized communities and would be a devastating, irreplaceable loss if removed.

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Thank you,  
Melyssa

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**From:** Natalie Kakovitch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:17 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** May 4th City Meeting Comment - Item A1

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To whom it may concern,

I'd like to leave a comment for the May 4th meeting regarding the proposed demolition of businesses on 4th st (Item A1). I am AGAINST this demolition.

*Regarding ITEM A1, and the demolition of our beautiful 4th street safe havens. What is housed on 4th street in businesses like Coconut Club, Oilcan Harry's, and Neon Grotto are more than just clubs - it is a safe haven for our community. Part of what makes Austin home for so many of us in the LGBTIA+ community who call Texas home, is it has always been a city where we feel more held in our community. We may still have a long way to go, but I can promise you that taking away safe spaces like Coconut Club, Oilcan Harry's, and Neon Grotto is not the way to continue to build our community up.*

*Austin used to be a city that prided itself in the preservation of local businesses, community, local art - and even proudly holds the slogan "Keep Austin Weird" based off of the judgements we have received from other Texas cities for being a safe space that allows our community to be authentically loving themselves. I, for one, want to stay in a city where we still hold these beliefs. Because of that, I cannot support the demolition of these places just to build more "luxury high rises," that are surely not going to be accessible in price.*

*Thank you for taking the time to hear your locals out, and we hope you find it in your heart to hear us out!*

*Warm regards,*

Name: Natalie Kakovitch  
[REDACTED]

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Natalie Kakovitch

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**From:** Kris Turner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:28 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Against 4th St Demolition

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To Whom it May Concern;

Howdy, my name is Kristopher Turner and I'd like to speak on Item A1, please record my response as AGAINST. I won't be able to make it in-person so I'd if my comment could be recorded via email I'd appreciate it, please and thank you.

Pleasure,

Kris Turner  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Helen's Gmail [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:39 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Comment for May 4, 2022 Meeting

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Hello,

I would like to submit a comment regarding ITEM A1 the proposed “redevelopment” of West 4th Street. The businesses in the 200 block of West 4th Street have significant historical character, especially Oilcan Harry’s, and are an irreplaceable pillar of Austin’s LGBTQ+ community. As a welcoming safe haven for all no matter lifestyle, these bars are one of the few symbols of Austin’s weirdness left downtown. Unless the goal is to develop every square inch of real-estate in the city, we should fight to preserve these historic buildings. They are part of a community that has long been threatened and they deserve space to exist.

Thank you,

Helen Ralowicz  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Haley Arthur [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:40 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Haley Arthur. 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 in email. You can reach me by phone at [REDACTED]

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Haley Arthur [REDACTED]

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**From:** Megan Soetaert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:42 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Megan Soetaert. 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 following comment made public on May 4th recorded by email. You can reach me by email at [REDACTED]

The preservation of LGBTQ spaces in Austin is critical to maintaining the city's unique culture and welcoming environment for all people, regardless of identity. LGBTQ people, especially in Texas, often lack spaces to be free and be safe. The demolition of the businesses on this block would further harm the LGBTQ community of Austin, which must not occur.

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

Respectfully,  
Megan Soetaert

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Megan Soetaert (she/her)  
Penn State University, Master of International Affairs 2022  
University of Texas at Austin, B.A. International Relations and French

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Raeann Rojas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 5:52 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Raeann Rojas. 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 phone. You can reach me by email at [REDACTED]

As a young queer woman, the 4th street district is one of the only queer spaces in all of Austin. Especially when I was in attendance at the University of Texas, I found community and a safe space in this area. On top of the recent attacks on queer rights in the state made by Gov. Abbott, it's not a pretty look to begin erasing one of the most well known queer safe spaces in the city.

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**From:** MORALES, DIANE <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:05 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Diane Morales, 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 [REDACTED]

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-Diane Morales

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**From:** Daniel Hernandez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:28 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Daniel Hernandez. 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 [REDACTED]

I am against this demolition because these places are some of the only safe spaces for me. It doesn't seem right to tear down such a monumental queer area. Please reconsider.

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**From:** Alheli Harvey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:29 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Alhelí Harvey 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 . You can reach me by phone at by email at [REDACTED]

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**From:** Daniel Seguine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:43 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Daniel Seguine 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 by email at [REDACTED]

Some of my fondest memories moving to Austin four years ago took place at 4th street. Here's where I signed up for Gay Kickball at Oilcan Harry's and met some of the most welcoming guys I've ever met. Here's where I walked down during the Pride parade and felt seen and included. Here's where I feel a sense of community within the Austin Queer community both past and present but where I also see an uncertain future with these type of proposals.

It's despicable to see how much the city of Austin has let greed corrupt their decision making in allowing these type of proposals to continue to get passed to further price out and push out marginalized communities as well as demolish more of the history with our city. One of the main reasons I even moved here was the inclusivity this city offered but these type of decisions send the exact opposite message to me.

I sincerely hope you take my words to heart and not pass this demolition request as this area is detrimental to our queer community and should be for generations to come. Please remember why people move to Austin in the first place it's to feel welcomed within a unique community and not to marvel at yet another skyscraper that you can find literally anywhere else.

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**From:** Ariana Noorzaie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:53 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Ariana Noorzaie. 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 phone. You can reach me by phone at [REDACTED]

I am a queer Afghan living in Austin and having a number of LGBTQ+ spaces in this city has been incredibly healing and transformative for me, as I'm sure it has been for so many others too. This beautiful community in Austin is diverse, creative, compassionate, and so much more, and demolishing safe spaces such as Coconut Club to build expensive high-rise condos would be a truly disappointing and heartless thing to do. There are already numerous high-rise developments in Austin, especially in areas that are historically marginalized and segregated, and it is frustrating (but unsurprising) that developers are oblivious to the struggles of working-class, non-white, "untraditional" Austinites and see only a spot they can profit off of.

We do not need more soulless, colorless, boring, expensive, and gaudy buildings in our city - we need AFFORDABLE HOUSING for all our neighbors, SAFE & INCLUSIVE spaces for our QUEER community, and ACCOUNTABILITY from our ELECTED OFFICIALS and CORPORATIONS who are allowed to build toxic structures & plants in underserved neighborhoods with no recourse for residents.

We have all seen time and again that erasing and destroying inclusive, affordable, and culturally significant spaces in Austin (and anywhere) proves detrimental and unsustainable to communities in the end. Please heed the words of your community and reconsider where your priorities truly lie - with your fellow people, or with profit?

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Thank you,

Ariana Noorzaie

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Ariana Noorzaie

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**From:** Paulina G Benitez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 7:16 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Gaby Benitez, 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 via being recorded by email. You can reach me by phone at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

As a queer Latinx person born and raised in Austin, it has been personally devastating to see the city attack both low-income latinx communities on the East side through environmental racism, and then the threat of tearing down one of our only public areas to share space with queer folks in Austin, particularly with the demolition of Neon Grotto and Coconut Club which have been havens for queer femme folks particularly in Austin's nightlife. I hope the council will do right by community and reject the request to demolish any of this strip of 4th.

This feels like an additional attack on top of Governor Abbott's assault on trans youth in the state. Where do you want queer Austinites, newcomers, and visitors to go to be safe?

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Best,  
Gaby Benitez

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**From:** Ryan Bares [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 7:31 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Ryan Bares. 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 [REDACTED]

This location is way more than just brick and mortar. This is where I go to feel safe with my community, laugh with my community, dance with my community and love my community. It can't be replaced. LGBTQ+ can't be replaced.

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

Sincerely,  
Ryan Bares

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**From:** Alexandra Bates [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 7:43 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** WE OPPOSE A1

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These are important, historic LGBTQ sites and the massive LGBTQ community in Austin opposes A1 vehemently. We cannot be erased and pushed out of the safest city for LGBTQ people in Texas. Thank you.

Signed,

Alexandra Bates

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**From:** Elia Norton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 8:04 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Elia Norton. 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 [REDACTED]

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

Thanks,  
Elia Norton

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**From:** Layne Ransom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 9:21 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Layne Ransom 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 phone at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Especially as the rights of gay, trans, non-binary, lesbian, Two Spirit, and other queer people come under attack in this state, LGBTQIA2S+ centered spaces where people can feel free and embraced for who they are become even more vital for thriving queer communities in Austin. So much of the vibrancy of Austin as a city is thanks to the queer people who live here and grace this city with their brilliance, creativity, and kindness. We do not need to—and absolutely should not—tear down and build over important queer spaces to bring housing to this city.

Please do not allow queer landmarks of this city to be destroyed and take spaces away from the queer people in Austin, without whom this city would not be what it is.

-Layne Ransom

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 8:49 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is LaReina Montoya 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 [REDACTED]

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**From:** Ben Webster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 10:01 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Ben Webster. 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. You can reach me by phone at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Please safeguard what is left of our once vibrant city.

Ben Webster

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**From:** Ashley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 10:48 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Ashley Ellis. 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 [REDACTED]

The 4th st. District is a big part of the soul of Austin. Condos can go somewhere else! Let us have our dance clubs in peace!

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**From:** Anastasia Walrod [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:01 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Anastasia Walrod. 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 [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,  
Anastasia Walrod

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**From:** Grace Lu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:13 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

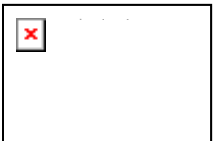
My name is Grace Lu. I'm reaching out in response to The Hanover Co's demolition request of the 4th street block between Colorado and Lavaca.

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

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

Best,  
Grace

Sent from my iPhone



**Grace Lu**  
she/her/hers  
[about.me/glu](https://about.me/glu)

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**From:** Nicole Griffing [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:15 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Nicole Griffing. 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 my email. You can reach me by email at [REDACTED]

This new development would ruin an area that is one of the

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Nicole Griffing  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Chelsea Pfeifer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 11:16 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Keep Austin's LGBTQQI Spaces!

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Hello,

I'm an Austin resident and I am against Item A1 (re:May 4th Meeting). Please consider how invaluable queer spaces are to the Austin Community- and how few of them exist. Demolishing these spaces sends a message to LGBTQQI Austinites who celebrate and find community in these safe spaces. Don't take our safe spaces away. Don't remove the only places in Downtown Austin that many people feel they can be themselves.

Please record this comment and relay to the Historic Land Commission. Thank you for hearing this testimony.

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Chelsea Pfeifer  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Bailey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 12:22 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Oppose The Hanover Co.

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Hello,

I am opposed to the Hanover Co. demolition on fourth street. These bars are safe havens to many Austin locals. We already lost two loved bars on Rainey, leave fourth street alone.

Sincerely,

Bailey

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**From:** Kyle Lloyd [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 1:06 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** My opposition to Item 1A // 4th street demolition

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To whom it may concern:

I'm a 7th generation Texan and 4th generation Austinite that also identifies as homosexual. Here's my plead to save 4th Street from demolition:

### April 15th, 2022

Today is Good Friday, but it certainly doesn't feel that way. Austin's 4th Street establishments are under threat of demolition. These bars have a deep-rooted and meaningful history of providing our local gay community a (mostly) safe and inclusive meeting place over many decades of homophobic actions against our beloved gay community by the Texas State Legislature. The fact these bars are within walking distance to the Texas State Capitol — an historically adversarial State with countless pointed actions against homosexuals over the years — was never lost on us, instead, that very proximity empowered us.

We bravely entered these bars when police were allowed to openly harass us; We made new, chosen families in these bars because many of us were abandoned and disowned by our birth families; We cried together in these bars after losing so many of our friends to AIDS in the 1980s when the world seemed not to care; We met our life-long friends and spouses in these bars; We began politically organizing in these bars; We marched on the Capitol from these bars; We held numerous Pride parades to make awareness of, and finally, in celebration of our equal rights from outside the doors of these bars.

The 4th Street Historic District aren't just a few regular bars, rather, for decades they've been an epicenter of gay activism in Texas, and also an important refuge for a local sexual minority in need of love and community few outside the gay community can truly understand. Erasing these buildings can so easily erase our history, and the future is already beginning to look bleak for the gay community in our country.

Please don't take something so meaningful away from us. Replacing them within shiny new doors and windows with an obnoxious building towering over is also unacceptable.

Tearing down these buildings is like tearing out the hearts of Austin's gay community. We beg you to stop this.

STOP Item 1A and stop the demolition of this block because a developer who couldn't care less about our city's history sees dollar signs. The 4th Street Historic District is one of our last tiny slivers of Austin's soul that still remains downtown.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Lloyd

Ps-  
I cannot make the May 4th meeting, but I'd like this to be read on my behalf. My contact information is below.



Thanks for the consideration, assuming you have any.

Kyle Lloyd



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**From:** Tierney Kersey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 7:02 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Tierney Kersey. 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 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Alex Dixon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 7:28 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Cc:** Taylor Ravenna  
**Subject:** ITEM A1

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Hello,

My name is Alex Dixon & I am **AGAINST** the demolition of 4th street. The one area for the LGBTQ community to feel safe in and it's being destroyed? Horrid.

[REDACTED]

I want my email to be used against this proposition.

Alex

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**From:** Suzzette Palma [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 7:56 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** ITEM A1

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Hello,

My name is Suzzette Palma and I am **AGAINST** the demolition of 4th street. The safe spaces for the LGBTQ+ community should not be taken away from us.

I want my email to be used against this proposition.

Regards,

Suzzette Palma

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**From:** Jill Els [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 7:59 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Item A1

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Hello,

I am speaking out against item A1, the development of the LGBT historic district/4th street. Austin is a great city, and that is why people want to live here and be apart of the growth, but the past few years you are losing more of the areas and institutions that make this a unique place to call home. I saw this happen to Atlanta in the mid 90's, and now it is a sprawling metropolis with little identity. Please step in to preserve this district and work with developers who are interested in keeping the area as it is.

Best,  
Jill

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Katie Gaebe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:06 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** 4th street

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I'm against the high rise on 4th street and the destruction of our local gay bars. This feels targeted at the LGBT community as we have nowhere else to go. Please stop the new build.

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**From:** Dhvani Mehta [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:21 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Dhvani Mehta. 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 phone. You can reach me by phone at [REDACTED]

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

Thank you,  
Dhvani

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**From:** Crystal Perkins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:31 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Crystal Perkins 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.

Enough high rises. Please leave the center of our lgbtqia community alone. This has been a haven for so many who need a place to feel like they can finally be themselves.

Please help us save whatever is left of Austin.

Best,  
Crystal

Crystal Kay Perkins  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Everett Fitzpatrick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:32 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** ITEM A1

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Hello

I am emailing today about ITEM A1, the proposed bulldozing of the block on 4th street for yet another high rise. I'm am completely against these plans and would like to speak at the hearing on May 4th. Coconut Club/Neon Grotto offer some of the most unique experiences in Austin night life and are a favorite for me and many of my friends. If Austin continues along the route of bulldozing everything that makes downtown Austin fun and cool for more high rises, there soon won't be any draw to fill up these massive buildings. It would be best if this district stayed as is, but if development must happen then all of businesses currently there must either be preserved or improved. Me, my friends, and many in the community will not stand for this destruction of one the best parts of Austin and will fight this development at every turn.

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**From:** Abigail Kurtzman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:32 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Abigail Kurtzman. 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 [REDACTED]

The destruction of these queer spaces in the name of building more high rises is a completely incorrect way of solving the Austin housing crisis. There should be no argument that more housing is the intention of the Hanover Co- if that was the goal, they would be looking to build affordable housing in neighborhoods where it's needed, not tearing down local spaces for overpriced high rises.

By destroying another local space to create something brand new, you are diminishing the livability of Austin and taking away some of the reasons why so many people want to live here.

Regardless of Austin's "weird" and welcoming stereotype, having queer spaces is still incredibly important. These environments give an opportunity for people to come together in ways that are not always accepted.

Vote NO on this demolition because this construction project is one step closer to destroying this city and turning it into something it's not.

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**From:** noreply@coadigital.onbehalfof.austintexas.gov on behalf of City of Austin  
<noreply@coadigital.onbehalfof.austintexas.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:34 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Item A1 / May 4th City Hall Hearing

This message is from Jessica Kirkham. [REDACTED]

I would like to express my disapproval of item A1 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.

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**From:** Emily McCue [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:36 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Item A1

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Hello,

I am writing to share my strong opposition to Item A1. We should be doing everything we can to maintain the small areas of the “old” Austin that are left. Our city needs safe spaces for LGBTQIA+ people. Displacing these establishments like Oilcan Harry’s is not good for the community. Building more high rises benefits no one other than the über wealthy.

Austin should be a city where more than just rich people can enjoy life and culture. If we commit to removing all of our culture, then why would anyone want to live here? Like many other Austinites, I am already devastated by the sweeping changes we have seen to our city in the last few years. Please consider what you can do to preserve a small piece of Austin. Do not go through with passing Item A1 and allowing these safe spaces to be lost. Do what your job is meant to do and help maintain a piece of Austin history.

Sincerely,

Emily

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**From:** Brett Haginas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:36 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Bret Haginas. 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.

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**From:** Colin Rothamel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 8:50 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Colin Rothamel. 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 e-mail. You can reach me by email at [REDACTED].

Marginalized communities deserve safe spaces in Austin. Demolishing these areas will remove safe spaces for these communities.

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

Thank You,  
Colin Rothamel

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**From:** Liza Fishbone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 9:13 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Oppose A1

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Hello,

I'm an Austin resident who STRONGLY opposes the demolition of the bars on 4th street re:A1.

By allowing a developer to demolish those bars, the city of Austin is sending the message that it cares more about dumb developers and ugly expensive high rises than the history, the LGBTQIA+ community and its safe spaces, and keeping literally anything old from this city. It seems like all Austin wants to do is erase itself and build new lifeless buildings that most people can not even afford.

Yes, we've heard that the developers will allow a couple of the bars to return to new locations at a supposedly "discounted rate." But what would happen to them in the mean time? We like our old buildings.. they have character, memories, history, and LIFE.

Please please please oppose A1 and give these bars a status of protection. Stop trying to erase our entire city, especially the areas that are populated by minority groups, it is disgusting and shameful.

Thank you.

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**From:** cesar villagran [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 9:36 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is cesar villa . 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 [REDACTED]

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**From:** Adam Cain Boswell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 9:40 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Adam Boswell. 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 [REDACTED].

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**From:** Claire Anne Lauer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Claire Lauer. 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 [REDACTED] and by email at [REDACTED]

I am a queer identifying female and this space is a safe space that has been a part of Austin and has made Austin what it is. Demolishing these spaces will take away what makes Austin special and inclusive and eclectic. There are so many other areas to put housing. This space is for community, acceptance, love, and freedom without judgement. KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD truly means to keep the original factors that made Austinites feel included while still being an "outsider." This will not be just a removing and demolishing buildings. It will be demolishing safe spaces for those that have been deprived of them for so long. Money is important and so are economics but at what expense are we willing to monetize our city? The expense of turning our city into every other traditional city? That costs the magic and the allure. Please reconsider. For the outsiders that finally have safety and acceptance. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Thank you,  
Claire Lauer

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**From:** Josh Tutt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 9:52 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Preserve the LGBT bars on 4th street.

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Howdy,

I love in rural Burleson county, but like most LGBT Texans, I come to Austin for the gay bars and the community they anchor. Simply put, these bars and their long standing reputation are the source of my tourism and many of my friends.

Please keep in mind the amount of our of town tourism and the bigger-than-Austin community that finds a safe place to land here. Building a new high rise here will decimate us.

Thanks for listening,

- Josh Tutt

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**From:** Savee Dalgo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2022 9:52 AM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** URGENT: Public Comment for May 4th Hearing

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Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

My name is Savee Young 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 [REDACTED]

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

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