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Hi, this is Mary Kahle, a longtime resident of Austin. I'm writing today to express my opposition to several items on the HLC agenda for 7/6/22:

HR-2022-070860 – 407 E. Monroe St. (demolish a contributing garage): The garage at 407 E. Monroe possesses unique historical qualities that add to the character of the National Register district and thus to the character of Austin. The proposed design does not meet the compatibility standards for the neighborhood in many respects, leading to the conclusion that allowing the demolition to go forward and the new building to be constructed would damage the character of the neighborhood.

HR-2022-026102 – 1205 Alta Vista Ave. (demolish a contributing 1939 duplex and additional building): It's shocking that a building that provides multi-family, affordable housing AND so charmingly contributes to the character of the National Register district is up for demolition.

The City of Austin has expressed a firm desire to protect affordable housing, and allowing the demolition of this cute duplex and associated structure directly contradicts that goal and the City's stated goal of preserving neighborhoods. Added to this is the fact that the proposed new construction is not compatible in terms of massing, scale, height, and proportions, making the case for the property's demolition even harder to support.

PR-2022-002404 – 1315 & 1317 Newning Ave. (demolish two contributing buildings): The two buildings have unique historical qualities that add to the character of the National Register district and thus to the character of Austin. Demolishing both, i.e. taking away housing for multiple families, goes against the City of Austin's stated goals of providing housing at the same time that it diminishes the character of the NR district and thus the overall character of Austin.

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