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Good morning -

I am writing to register my desire to speak remotely at the HLC meeting tomorrow, 7-6-22. My name is Paula Kothmann, [REDACTED]. I may be able to attend in person, but please put me down to speak in opposition to the following items. I also have questions about two of these items that I hope you can answer before the meeting.

**C.1. PR-2021-200516 – 512 E. Monroe St. – Applicant-requested postponement (postponed June 1, 2022)**

**Travis Heights – Fairview Park National Register District  
Council District 9**

**C.2. PR-2022-002404 – 1315 & 1317 Newning Ave. – Consent (postponed June 1, 2022)**

**Travis Heights – Fairview Park National Register District  
Council District 9**

**C.3.0 - 1205 Alta Vista Ave Travis Heights – Fairview Park National Register District Council District 9**

Comment: this triplex offers market affordable housing in Travis Heights, a neighborhood rapidly becoming more unaffordable especially because of demolitions of duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in the Urban Core. We in Travis Heights cherish the economic diversity in our neighborhood; instead of razing our affordable housing, why not add more ADUs?

What is the City of Austin doing about the displacement of these Austin residents? By raising the property taxes about \$7,000 in one year on this and similar properties, the City is forcing landlords to sell. These landlords often have no mortgage, thus can afford to offer market rate affordable housing in neighborhoods where our lower-income citizens, including musicians, can walk to work, lessening our traffic problems and our environment issues. The City seems to favor new builders, who fill landfills with perfectly good homes, to offer very expensive homes (\$3M+) and rentals (\$15K/month+) because these builder have high debt service.

Save our affordable old multi-family homes in the Urban Core and stop punishing landlords for offering affordable housing!

C.4.0 - 1909 Kenwood Ave

**C.5. HR-2022-070860 – 407 E. Monroe St. – Consent**  
**Travis Heights – Fairview Park National Register District**  
**Council District 9**

Thank you,  
Clifton Ladd

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