

ITEM6/1-LATE BACKUP/OPPOSITION

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Case number: C15-2022-0088
Public hearing date: 12/12/22
Contact person: Elaine Ramirez

My name: Seth Johnson
My address: 4908 Duval Street II, Austin, TX 78751
My phone number: 512-789-0009

Comments:

I oppose granting a variance to the setback ordinance for this property. 50th street is a very congested street with street parking making morning delivery of students at nearby Ridgetop Elementary school a treacherous proposition. I am concerned that increasing the density of development on 705 East 50th street will further exacerbate an already difficult situation. Adding an ADU will introduce additional vehicles to this area and reduce available on-property parking. The setback for this neighborhood has been effectively applied to the surrounding properties and no rationale has been submitted by the applicant as to why this developer should be treated to an exception to an ordinance the neighborhood has agreed upon and instituted. The applicant is not a resident of our neighborhood and is applying for this variance not to benefit our community but only because it will enable a more lucrative redevelopment in a property flip.

Our family walks or bikes down 50th street twice a day to drop our oldest child off and pick him up at Ridgetop. As we also have a three-year-old who will soon attend Ridgetop, we are expecting to continue this daily ritual for the next eight years. I ask that you reject this applicant's variance request to prevent the increase of street parking that will further endanger my children during our daily commute. Thank you for considering the concerns of resident families as a counter-balance to the profit-driven interests of developers attempting to skirt the ordinances that protect our quality of life in Austin.

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