

June 28, 2023

City of Austin Board of Adjustment  
Attn: Elaine Ramirez  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701

Cc: April Brown and Michael Whellan,  
Armbrust & Brown, PLLC

Re: C16-2023-0002 – Sign Variance Request for 901 W Ben White Blvd Svrd EB

Dear Ms. Ramirez:

I am writing on behalf of the South Menchaca Neighborhood Plan Contact Team to express support for St. David's requested sign variance. Our contact team met with the applicant to discuss the request and voted unanimously to support the variance for the emergency room wayfinding sign.

Please note that the Contact Team's support is specific to this case and does not establish a precedent for any future variance requests.

We agree with the requesters' argument that improved sign visibility is important for drivers and first responders seeking the South Austin Medical Center emergency room. Granting this variance would improve navigation and reduce confusion by enlarging the sign and separating it from obstructing trees. We also feel it is reasonable to allow a 35-foot sign as measured from ground level, rather than from the base of the highway's 20-foot retaining wall. If the hospital were level with the street grade, a 35-foot sign would be compliant with code and a variance would not be needed to Sec. 25-10-123.

We ask the Board of Adjustment to support this request and allow St. David's to install a taller emergency room sign. Thank you for your time and service to our city.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Schorn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Schorn, Secretary  
South Menchaca Neighborhood Plan Contact Team