#### ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

<u>CASE</u>: C14-2023-0020 (Morelos-Webberville CS-1) <u>DISTRICT</u>: 3

ADDRESS: 2304, 2308, 2312 Morelos Street; 2237 Webberville Road

ZONING FROM: CS-CO-MU-NP TO: CS-1-CO-NP (the footprint

of CS-1 zoning may not exceed

3,500 square feet)

SITE AREA: 0.51 acres (22,327 square feet)

PROPERTY OWNER: Flying X Investments, LLC

AGENT: Thrower Design (Ron Thrower)

CASE MANAGER: Jonathan Tomko (512) 974-1057, jonathan.tomko@austintexas.gov)

#### STAFF RECOMMEDATION:

Staff recommends CS-1-CO-NP zoning with conditions. The footprint of CS-1 zoning **may not** to exceed 3,500 square feet.

It is recommended that all the restrictions in Conditional Overlay, established in Ordinance No. 011213-42 for this property remain. This includes the following *prohibited* uses: automotive sales, automotive rentals, commercial off-street parking, convenience storage, drop-off recycling collection facility, equipment sales, equipment repair services, campground, vehicle storage, laundry service and pawn shop services. The following are *conditional* uses: communications service facilities, building maintenance services, kennels, construction sales and services, limited warehousing and distribution.

# PLANNING COMMISSION or ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION / RECOMMENDATION:

September 12, 2023: Neighborhood postponement to September 26, 2023

September 26, 2023: Planning Commission approved staff recommendation on consent

#### CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

October 19, 2023: Case is scheduled to be heard by City Council

#### **ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

N/A

ISSUES: N/A

# CASE MANAGER COMMENTS:

The property being considered for rezoning encompasses four single family homes with commercial uses. It has access to Webberville Road to the west and Morelos Street to the south.  $7^{th}$  Street is just to the south, which is an ASMP Level 3 corridor, serviced by the #4 CapMetro Bus. There are two existing

bars on Webberville Road, Kitty Cohen's just to the west, and The Lost Well one block to the northeast. This location is within a 15-minute walk of the proposed green line stop at Pleasant Valley.

#### BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

# Zoning should not constitute a grant of special privilege to an individual owner; Granting of the request should result in an equal treatment of similarly situated properties.

The property adjacent to the subject tract to the west has the CS-1 zoning as the applicant is requesting in this case. It is similarly situated and has access to both Webberville Road and Morelos Street. Granting this request would result in an equality treatment of a similarly situated property.

## Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses.

The parcel is completely surrounded by properties zoned CS-CO-MU-NP, the current zoning or CS-1-CO-MU-NP. This zoning change would result in siting CS-1 zoning where it is completely insulated from single family and other residential zoning categories. It would also allow an opportunity near transit resources for folks to visit a bar without driving.

# Zoning changes should promote compatibility with adjacent and nearby uses and should not result in detrimental impacts to the neighborhood character.

The neighborhood has two bars on the east side of Webberville Road. This is further away from the single-family portion of the Blackshear-Prospect Hill neighborhood to the northwest. Morelos St. provides a place for more intensive uses, away from the neighborhood. There are traffic signals at Morelos St. and E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and at Webberville Rd. and E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Vehicular traffic can not easily cut through the neighborhood with this section of street grid.

#### **EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	CS-CO-MU-NP	Four single family home/commercial structures
North	CS-CO-MU-NP	A vacant lot
South	CS-CO-MU-NP	Valero gas station, two auto insurance offices, a thrift
		shop and a taco truck.
East	CS-CO-MU-NP	A vacant lot
West	CS1-CO-MU-NP and	One single family home/commercial, and Kitty Cohen's a
	CS-CO-MU-NP	1,048 square foot bar.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA: Central East Austin Neighborhood Combined Planning Area

WATERSHED: Lady Bird Lake Watershed

SCHOOLS: A.I.S.D.

Zavala Elementary School

Martin Middle School

Eastside Memorial High School

#### COMMUNITY REGISTRY LIST:

Austin Independent School District, Austin Lost and Found Pets, Austin Neighborhoods Council, Blackshear-Prospect Hill, Central Austin Concerned Architects, Del Valle Community Coalition, East Austin Conservancy, El Concilio Mexican-American Neighborhoods, Friends of Austin Neighborhoods, Homeless Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation, Neighbors United for Progress, Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods , Preservation Austin, SELTexas, Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

## **AREA CASE HISTORIES:**

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL	
C14-2009-0156 (Los	Rezone	02.09.2010 PC: The	05.13.2010: a	
Comales)	approximately 0.27	motion to approve	motion to deny the	
	acres from CS-MU-	staff's	rezoning was	
	CO-NP to CS-1-	recommendation to	approved on Mayor	
	MU-CO-NP.	deny the request for	Pro Tem Martinez'	
		CS-1-CO-MU-NP	motion, Council	
		zoning; was	Member Cole's	
		approved by	second on a 7-0	
		Commissioner	vote.	
		Danette Chimenti's		
		motion,		
		Commissioner		
		Kathryne Tovo		
		second the motion		
		on a vote of 5-3;		
		Commissioners		
		Mandy Dealey,		
		Benjamin DeLeon		
		and Dave Anderson		
		voted against the		
		motion (nay);		
		Commissioner Jay		
	_	Reddy was absent.		
C14-2019-0074	Rezone	06.11.2019 PC: To	06.20.2019:	
(2202 Webberville	approximately	grant CS-MU-V-	Approved CS-MU-	
Rd)	0.7267 acres from	CO-NP on consent,	V-CO-NP on	
	CS-MU-CO-NP to	motion by Vice-	Council Member	
	CS-MU-V-CO-NP	Chair Kenny,	Pool's motion,	
		seconded by	Council Member	
		Commissioner	Harper-Madison's	
		Azhar on a vote of	second on a 10-1	
		13-0.	vote. Council	
			Member Flannigan	
C14 2021 0011 /712	D	06 00 2021 PC	voted nay.	
C14-2021-0011 (712	Rezone	06.08.2021 PC:	07.29.2021:	
& 714 Pedernales St.	approximately 0.344	Motion by	Ordinance No.	

and 2409 Coronado	acres from SF-3-NP	Commissioner Cox,	20210729-0138 for
St.)	to CS-MU-NP.	seconded by	community
		Commissioner	commercial-mixed
		Llanes Pulido to	use-conditional
		grant GR-MU-CO-	overlay
		NP combining	neighborhood plan
		district zoning	(GR-MU-CO-NP)
		approved on a vote	combining district
		of 11-0.	zoning, with the
		Commissioners	following conditions
		Flores and Shieh	that restaurant
		absent. Conditions: -	general and
		Property is limited	restaurant limited be
		to LR zoning district	permitted uses, not
		uses Restaurant	conditional uses,
		uses are conditional	was approved on
		uses of the Property	Council Member
			Pool's motion,
			Council Member
			Ellis' second on an
			11-0 vote.
C14-2009-0041	Request to add (V)	08.25.2009 (PC):	09.24.2009:
(Central East Austin	zoning to selected	N/A	Approved Ordinance
VMU Building (V)	tracts in the VMU		20090924-092 for V
Zoning Opt-In/Opt-	overlay district.		(7-0) on consent on
Out Process)			Council Member
			Shades' motion, all
			3 readings.

### RELATED CASES:

N/A

## **ADDITIONAL STAFF COMMENTS:**

# Urban Design

UD1: The properties 2237 Webberville Road, 2304 Morelos Street, 2308 Morelos Street, and 2312 Morelos Street are included in the Central East Austin Neighborhood Plan. Urban Design does not have any comments.

### **Environmental**

- 1. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Lady Bird Lake Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.
- 2. Zoning district impervious cover limits apply in the Urban Watershed classification.

3. According to floodplain maps there is no floodplain within or adjacent to the project location.

- 4. Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.
- 5. At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.
- 6. This site is required to provide on-site water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 8,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and on site control for the two-year storm.
- 7. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

### PARD – Planning & Design Review

PR1: Parkland dedication fees may apply to any future site or subdivision applications resulting from this rezoning. As of January 1, 2023, new commercial uses are subject to parkland dedication requirements at the time of site plan and subdivision.

#### Site Plan

No comments

#### Austin Transportation and Public Works

ATD 1. A transportation assessment/traffic impact analysis shall be required at the time of site plan if triggered, when land uses and intensities will be known per LDC 25-6-113 and TCM 10.2.1.

#### **EXISTING STREET CHARACTERISTICS:**

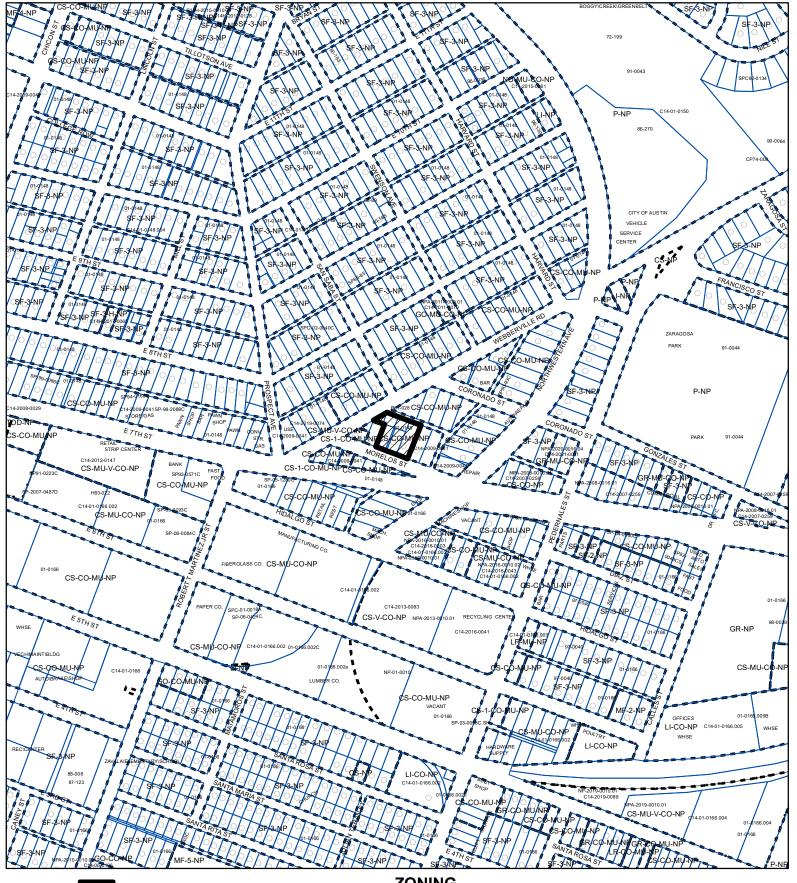
Name	ASMP	ASMP	Existing	Existing	Sidewalks	Bicycle	Capital
	Classification	Required	ROW	Pavement		Route	Metro
		ROW					(within
							¼ mile)
Morelos	Level 1	58'	60'	27'	No	No	Yes
Street							
Webberville	Level 1	58'	60'	40'	Yes	Yes	Yes
Road							

#### **Austin Water Utility**

No comments

#### INDEX OF EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW:

- A. Zoning Map
- B. Aerial Map
- C. Applicant's Summary Letter
- D. Correspondence from Interested Parties





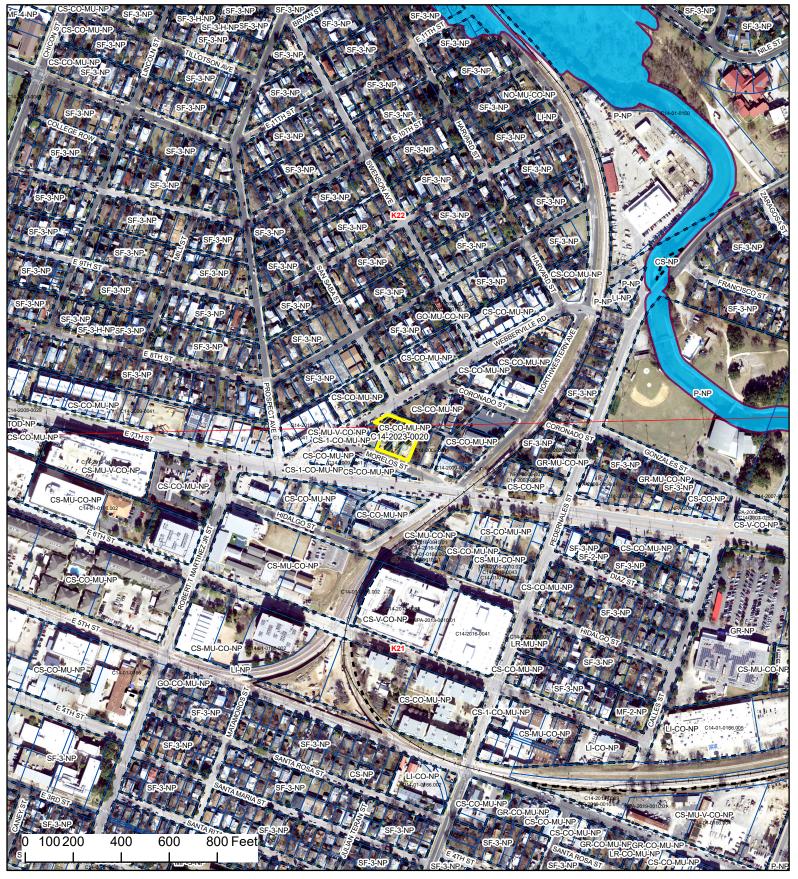
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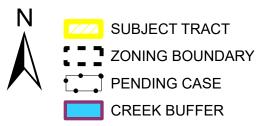
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# Morelos-Webberville CS-1

ZONING CASE#: C14-2023-0020

LOCATION: 2304, 2308, 2312 Morelos St;

2237 Webberville Rd

SUBJECT AREA: 0.51 Acres

GRID: K21

MANAGER: Jonathan Tomko



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February 7, 2023

Mrs. Joi Harden
Interim Zoning Officer
City of Austin, Housing & Planning Department

RE: Rezoning – 2304, 2308, 2312 Morelos St. & 2237 Webberville Rd.

Dear Ms. Harden,

On behalf of the property owner of the above reference's properties, we submit the rezoning application herein. The property is in the City of Austin full purpose jurisdiction and collectively, is approximately a halfacre, east of the intersection of Morelos Street and Webberville Road. The land area is comprised of 4 tax parcels, represented by a portion of Lots 1 & 2, and all of Lots 3 & 4 of Block 6, of Lincoln Place a subdivision of Outlots 23 &23-1/2, Division A, City of Austin. The tracts are individually and legally described as follows:

- 2237 Webberville Road: N45FT LOT 1-3 BLK 6 OLT23&231/2 DIV A LINCOLN PLACE
- 2304 Morelos Street: S105FT OF E40FT OF LOT 2 & s105FT OF W5FT OF LOT 3 BLK 6 OLT 23&231/2 DIV A LINCOLN PLACE
- 2308 Morelos Street: S105FT OF E40FT OF LOT 3 BLK 6 OLT 23&231/2 DIV A LINCOLN PLACE
- 2312 Morelos Street: LOT 4 BLK 6 OLT 23&231/2 DIV A LINCOLN PLACE

The properties are in the Central East Austin Planning Area and have a Future Land Use designation of *Mixed Use* and has *CS-CO-MU-NP* zoning designations. The request is to rezone only the base zoning district of the properties from *CS to CS-1*. The property will retain the *CO-MU-NP* overlays. The rezoning is specifically sought to accommodate a commercial liquor sales use. The CS-1 zoning district is permitted in the *Mixed Use* FLUM category and therefore does not require a Neighborhood Plan Amendment.

The lot is currently developed with 3 single family homes, some of which will be repurposed for commercial use. The CS-1 zoning district is consistent and compatible with the zoning of all immediately adjacent and surrounding properties that have either CS-1 or CS base district zoning. The rezoning will allow for the desired use and is conducive to providing a variety of neighborhood services, within walking distance, and on an Imagine Austin Activity Corridor, an ASMP Transit Priority Network and the Project Connect "Cross Town Route."

Thrower Design respectfully requests a favorable recommendation, and we are available for questions or discussion as needed.

Sincerely,

Victoria Haase

Email from Matthew Mielcarek to Heather Chaffin Friday, March 31, 2023 8:51 AM

Hi Heather,

My family is writing to express opposition to the proposed rezoning of **2304**, **2308**, **& 2312 Morelos Street and 2237 Webberville Road** from a general commercial services district to a commercial liquor sales district.

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Regards,

Matthew Mielcarek 2204 East 9th Street Austin TX 78702

Email from Matthew Mielcarek to Jonathan Tomko Wed 9/6/23 10:10am

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#### Matthew Mielcarek

Email

From: OCEAN Contact Team

To: Jonathan Tomko, Todd Shaw, Claire Hempel

Tues 9/12/23 4:06pm

Dear Chair Shaw and Vice Chair Hempel,

Blackshear-Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association (BPHNA) and the Organization of

Central East Austin Neighborhoods (OCEAN) respectfully request postponement of Item 14, in today's Planning Commission meeting, to your October 24th meeting.

The applicant has not touched base with BPHNA since January 2022.

Many residents have expressed concern about introducing even more bar zoning in near East Austin and would appreciate the opportunity to speak with Mr. Thrower and his clients about what they envision for the site.

Thank you for considering our request to allow time for some meaningful engagement in this case.

Sincerely, Jay Perrett President, BPHNA Nate Jones President, OCEAN

**Email** 

From: OCEAN Contact Team

To: Jonathan Tomko, Andrew Rivera, Todd Shaw, Claire Hempel

Tues 9/12/23 5:17pm

Hello,

Thanks to Mr. Tomko for this quick reply.

I am covering the OCEAN gmail account this afternoon and want to be sure that Mr. Rivera, the chair and vice chair are aware that there is a postponement request from OCEAN, the NPCT, and our member neighborhood association, Blackshear-Prospect Hill Neighborhood, where the subject tract of Item #14 is located.

Mr. Rivera, my understanding is that the OCEAN president (Nate Jones) can call in to the meeting this evening, if he may please be registered to speak for a postponement discussion. Please advise whether that is an option and what he should do?

The BPHNA president (Jay Perrett) is traveling for work, and Ms. Peterson is a sixty-year resident who cannot attend this evening.

My understanding is that no one has spoken to BPHNA about bar zoning, except that the topic was broached by Mr. Whellan at a meeting in January 2022. Since then, nothing. And this item is coming from a different consultant firm (Thrower Design).

That's all the information I have. Thank you all for considering the postponement request.

Best, Tracy Witte Secretary, OCEAN

#### PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

This zoning/rezoning request will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: before the Land Use Commission and the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During its public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or may evaluate the City staff's recommendation and public input forwarding its own recommendation to the City Council. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

During its public hearing, the City Council may grant or deny a zoning request, or rezone the land to a less intensive zoning than requested but in no case will it grant a more intensive zoning.

However, in order to allow for mixed use development, the Council may add the MIXED USE (MU) COMBINING DISTRICT to certain commercial districts. The MU Combining District simply allows residential uses in addition to those uses already allowed in the seven commercial zoning districts. As a result, the MU Combining District allows the combination of office, retail, commercial, and residential uses within a single development.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, visit our website: www.austintexas.gov/planning.

Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before or at a public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, and the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.
Case Number: C14-2023-0020 Contact: Jonathan Tomko, 512-974-1057 Public Hearing: Sep 12, 2023, Planning Commission
Alciandino Losalinda Mender Your Name (please print)  2404 E. 945 St Austin To 78702
Your address(es) affected by this application  1 4.5-23  Signature  Date
Daytime Telephone: (512) 699-8009  Comments: We are against the project moving forward. We are conserved our neighborhood will not be safe. We believe it will
increase the possibility of drunk people malking or driving in our neighborhood we believe it will not be safe for the children
who effend blacks hear Flementary School that is located at 1712 E. 11 th St Austin, to 78702.
If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to: City of Austin
Planning Department Jonathan Tomko P. O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767-8810

#### **Email**

From: Patrick Davis To: Jonathan Tomko Tues 9/25/23 11:39am

### Hi Jonathan,

I live near the request for rezoning is requested for 2304, 2308 and 2312 Morelos St, and 2237 Webberville Rd, and my family and I are very concerned about what this would do to our neighborhood.

We are all for (equitable) growth and evolution but not at the cost of our neighborhood!

I would kindly ask that the committee considers the negative impact this would have with regard to noise, traffic, crime, and drunken patrons -- and the signal it sends for further development in the area.

I would be happy to discuss further.

Thank you,

#### Patrick Davis

**Email** 

From: Ted Hinckley To: Jonathan Tomko Tues 9/25/23 3:36pm

Hi Jonathan,

My name is Ted Hinckley, I live at 2413 E 10th St, Austin, TX 78702, a few blocks up the hill from the property in question requesting a change in zoning.

I would like to voice my opposition to this zoning change. Webberville already has a number of establishments that sell alcohol, adding more would effectively turn webberville from 7th to northwestern into a nightlife district.

While I welcome bars and restaurants, I do not want to see webberville turn into another Rainey st or 6th st. Given the proximity to residential neighborhoods, keeping the commercial use as-is is my preferred course of action.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

#### Ted

Email

From: Donna Hoffman To: Jonathan Tomko Tues 9/25/23 4:22pm

Hello Jonathan. Please record my comments on Case Number C14-2023-0020.

# I oppose the bar zoning in this case and request the City Planning Dept. to reject the application.

There are already plenty of bars in this residential area. Another liquor license would impinge on the residential area and continue a trend of expanding the existing bar zones that are already available further down Webberville and further south and west on 6th Street.

I notice what looks like a bar Space Cowboy being built where there was a popular Mexican-American grocery store La Michoacana before on E. 7th near where this is proposed.

We don't need more bars. Austin has a drinking problem.

We need additional affordable housing, healthy food access, and transportation options, plus higher-paying jobs. Continuing to allow more bars will create a totally different character from what many neighbors are looking for in Blackshear-Prospect Hill neighborhood.

## Please reject the application in C14-2023-0020.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

# Donna Hoffman

**Email** 

From: Jay Perrett To: Jonathan Tomko Tues 9/25/23 8:09pm

Hi Jonathan,

I am writing in opposition of the CS-1 Zoning for 2304, 2308 and 2312 Morelos St, and 2237 Webberville Rd.

As stated in the City of Austin Zoning Guide:

"Commercial Liquor Sales district is intended predominately for commercial and industrial activities of a service nature having operating characteristics or traffic service requirements generally incompatible with residential environments, and also includes liquor sales as a permitted use."

The lots in question are less than 300' from the New Lincoln Missionary Baptist Church, caddy corner (one lot over and two down) from five newly-built missing middle housing, and 250' from the new Axiom East apartments, in addition to the many single family homes within a stones throw of these properties.

This corner of our neighborhood already has a saturation of bars and establishments that serve liquor, and is at risk of becoming a bar district at the exclusion of other usage types. There is an abundance of bars in the Plaza Saltillo TOD, which is less than a half mile away

and served by public transportation, in addition to the other bar areas that surround our neighborhood.

Our neighborhood is a lively and welcoming part of the City, but does not wish to become a bar district or to be saddled with the downsides that additional bars will bring (loud noise next to homes, additional traffic on side streets, etc).

Thank you for your consideration.

#### Jay Perrett

Email From: JR Mangum To: Jonathan Tomko Mon 9/25/23 11:31pm

Mr. Tomko,

As a long-time resident of Blackshear Prospect Hill, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the request for more cocktail zoning in our neighborhood. This residential area is home to many families raising children, long time elderly citizens and established churches. We already have many bars in the area, and don't need or want more. I know I speak for many in our area when I say we want a healthy, family friendly environment in which to raise our children and care for our elders. We have established community gardens, informal dog parks, and are working to get a pocket-park installed to promote a wholesome, healthy environment. Having bars in the area, is not in keeping with what we want.

Owners Calvin Chen, <u>Jeff Van Delden</u>, and Amir Rostami did not approach the neighborhood association, churches, or other area groups, as do many business owners who wish to be good neighbors. Instead, they hired lobbyists who were unaware of the owners intentions other than they wanted to tear down existing buildings (but couldn't specify which), put in a food trailer park with a trailer that serves liquor, and eventually open a brick and mortar bar. They have requested up to 3500 square feet of space for these bars.

The City of Austin Zoning Guide states "Commercial Liquor Sales district is intended predominately for commercial and industrial activities of a service nature having operating characteristics or traffic service requirements generally incompatible with residential environments, and also includes liquor sales as a permitted use.

To restate, the City says businesses of this nature have operating characteristics that **are generally incompatible with residential environments**. We agree!

Please deny the request by Chen, Delden and Rostami, [Blackshear] Case Number: C14-2023-0020.

Thank you for your time. Please vote no. JanetRuth Mangum,

Information about that zoning type from the City of Austin Zoning Guide:

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"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?" Vincent Van Gogh