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Thank you so much for your correspondence, Ms. Journey. We will add it to the posted backup material for the HLC to review.

Best,



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Hello Kalan,

I live in North University and often walk by 3205 Tom Green. This home is a defining part of our neighborhood with distinguishing architectural features, especially the front door frame. It also represents a specific time in Austin's history.

This structure has been affordable housing for years and tearing it down makes no sense. Too many affordable homes have already been lost in our neighborhood. With the high interest rates and high costs of labor it is impossible that any new structure could be more affordable.

Destroying structures such as this one also leaves a ragged hole in the fabric of our

neighborhood. It's not just the loss of this particular structure but a continuing loss of my neighborhood that is a concern.

Also tearing down this existing structure and building something new would mean more GHG emissions and more waste. All the embodied energy used to build this nice home (and any renovations) would be thrown away. Austin was once an environmentally conscious city. It's appearing that there is no longer a concern for the environment.

There appears to be plenty of space for an additional unit on the property. Leaving the structure that is there and adding another one makes much more sense, but only if impervious cover issues are taken into consideration.

Thank you for your time to consider these reason for not demolishing this distinctive home at 3205 Tom Green but letting it continue to provide affordable, sustainable living space that matches the historic character of my neighborhood.

Carol

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