

Support for Rezoning Application - 1308 West Lynn (St. Luke United Methodist Church) - Case C14-2025-0109 - Item 10

From Sheila Lyon <sea.lyon@sbcglobal.net>

Date Fri 3/6/2026 1:57 AM

To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

Cc Graham Brown <graham@gbc-projects.com>; rsuttle@abaustin.com <rsuttle@abaustin.com>; Jewels Cain <jcain@abaustin.com>; Steve Amos <steve@healthcode.org>

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Hi Cynthia,

Please find attached a letter addressed to Chair Woods and the Planning Commissioners regarding Item 10 – C14-2025-0109.

Kindly confirm receipt and let us know once the support letter has been added to the backup materials. We would also appreciate confirmation that the Planning Commissioners will receive the letter in advance of the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Sheila Lyon

OWANA Zoning Committee Chair

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March 5, 2026

City of Austin Planning Commission

Austin City Hall
301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Support for Rezoning Application – 1308 West Lynn (St. Luke United Methodist Church) – Case C14-2025-0109 – Item 10

Dear Chair Woods and Planning Commissioners,

On behalf of the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA), we are writing to express our support for the rezoning application for the property located at 1308 West Lynn and 1611 W 14th Streets, the former home of St. Luke United Methodist

Since 1958, St. Luke United Methodist Church has been a cornerstone of the Old West Austin and Clarksville communities. Located at the corner of West 14th and West Lynn Streets, the church brought together neighbors in fellowship and activities for people of all ages. Over the decades, St. Luke's provided a welcoming place for worship, education, and community engagement.

The church's role extended well beyond its congregation. St. Luke's supported numerous outreach efforts that benefited the broader community. These included partnerships with the Hope Food Pantry, support for senior citizen activity centers, student family services, a child care center, and regular Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The church also fostered community engagement through partnerships with local organizations such as Imagine Art. Through these programs and relationships, St. Luke's served as a gathering place and a resource for neighbors throughout Old West Austin and beyond.

OWANA appreciates the collaborative approach taken by the prospective new ownership group, which is comprised of local 78703 residents. The group has engaged constructively with the neighborhood and has presented a thoughtful vision to preserve the historic church buildings while adapting the site for a new community-oriented use.

The proposed adaptive reuse project would establish a neighborhood bookstore with a café offering coffee, light fare, and beer and wine, creating a welcoming place for neighbors to gather. The concept also includes space for creative-sector partners, such as art galleries and small creative offices, helping to activate the site as a cultural and community hub. This vision aligns well with the neighborhood's character and continues the long tradition of the property serving as a place where people come together.

Importantly, the proposed development incorporates several commitments that address neighborhood compatibility, including:

- Preservation of the existing church sanctuary building without increasing its height.
- Limitations on hours of public operation between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- Maintenance of existing driveway access and parking from West 14th Street, with no new curb cuts along West Lynn Street unless required by the City.
- A Restrictive Covenant allowing OWANA to review and address concerns through a defined dispute resolution process.

These commitments reflect a good-faith effort by the development team to ensure that the project remains compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood.

OWANA believes the proposed rezoning and adaptive reuse plan thoughtfully preserves an important neighborhood landmark while allowing the site to continue serving the community in a meaningful way. The project maintains the spirit of the property as a place for gathering, learning, creativity, and connection.

For these reasons, the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association respectfully supports the rezoning request for 1308 West Lynn and encourages the Planning Commission to approve the application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen L. Amos". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Stephen L. Amos

Chair

Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA)



C14-2025-0109

From Vassar Curtis [REDACTED]
Date Sun 3/8/2026 2:52 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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This email is about the proposed project for the former St. Luke's Methodist Church on West Lynn in Old West Austin.

As a neighborhood resident, my major concern is the increased traffic and subsequent parking issues this project will have on our neighborhood. Street parking is already at a premium and rush hour traffic heading to MOPAC via West Lynn and Enfield is congested.

This proposed project, plus the project for the former Neu's site and the Sledd's property will significantly change the "village within the city" aspect of neighborhood. That is not welcome and very worrying.

Please consider this impact as this project goes forward. Old West Austin/Clarksville are important to the fabric of our city.
Thank you!

Mary Faith Curtis
[REDACTED] Palma Plaza
Austin 78703
Sent from my iPad

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Case C14-2025-0109

From Angie Whitworth [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 3:14 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Cynthia,

I live at [REDACTED] B Waterston Ave and also own West Lynn Veterinary Clinic at 709 West Lynn. I have reviewed the proposal for the rezoning of St. Luke's church and support its redevelopment. I am glad to see that there is a plan to repurpose the church and create a wonderful new community space.

CASE: C14-2025-0109
NAME: West Lynn Church Site
CASE MANAGER: Cynthia Hadri 512-974-7620,

Regards,
Angie Whitworth

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From Anne Giles [REDACTED]
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To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,
I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Anne Giles. I am a long-time resident of Old West Austin, and I live at [REDACTED] West 91/2 St.
I look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.



Anne Giles • Broker Associate
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Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Bj Friedman [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 5:02 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,
My husband Stan and I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

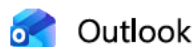
We are Stan and BJ Friedman. We are long-time residents of Old West Austin, and live at [REDACTED] Patterson Ave.

We are delighted with the concept to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor

BJ and Stan Friedman

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C14-2025-0109 West Lynn Church Site

From Brian Donnelly [REDACTED]
Date Thu 3/5/2026 4:09 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hi Cynthia - good afternoon . My name is Brian Donnelly. I have been a resident of Clarksville since 2013. What started as a weekend getaway from Houston - has now become a full time residence. I have been fortunate enough to own a duplex at [REDACTED] West 11th Street and I recently bought [REDACTED] West 11th.

I love the idea of the remodel/re-imagine of the West Lynn Church site. It's the last commercially viable development opportunity between 6th and Blanco and Old Enfield. I believe Graham Brown and his team are the right ones to respect the clarksville heritage while bringing a concept that belongs in the neighborhood.

Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions.

Thank You

Brian Donnelly
[REDACTED]

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West Lynn Church Site (C14-2025-0109)

From cara polisini [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 3:12 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hi Cynthia,

I hope you're having a good week! My name is Cara and I live at [REDACTED] Palma Plaza, Austin, TX 78703. I'm emailing about case number C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

I was so excited to hear that First Light books is trying to establish a Clarksville location and I trust them to renovate the church with respect and integrity. The Hyde Park location has become a thriving community spot and I'd like to see the same in Clarksville.

Thanks for your consideration,
Best,
Cara

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Letter of Support: Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Caroline Page [REDACTED]
Date Mon 3/9/2026 10:07 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Cynthia,

My name is Caroline Page Groves and I am reaching out as a native Austinite and direct residential neighbor ([REDACTED] Enfield Road) to lend my support to the rezone case associated with the West Lynn Church site, case number: C14-2025-0109. Given the adjacent zoning next door at 1300 West Lynn and across the street at 1221 West Lynn St, not only do I believe the zoning sought is appropriate and reasonable, I also believe this project is one that the neighborhood should be incredibly grateful to have. I adore the neighborhood of Clarksville so much - it's an idyllic neighborhood in Austin - and I think this project is going to add wonderful benefits to the community.

I understand that change is never easy, however, having a developer that seeks out neighbor and neighborhood input, provides an adaptive re-use solution especially appreciated in a historic neighborhood, and plans for a use that will be a great community oriented addition to the neighborhood makes it more comfortable to digest. I have lived in central Austin for more than 40 years, and have seen this city change dramatically - this project is a welcome and exciting change.

I support the necessary changes this applicant is seeking.

Thank you for what you do for our community and the city of Austin! We appreciate your leadership and service.

Thank you.

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Caroline Page Groves

[REDACTED]
Austin, TX


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C14-2025-0109 West Lynn Church Site

From Christina Contros [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 10:30 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia

Good Morning !

Attached, please find my letter of support for the above referenced case .

Please include it along, with this email, in the support documents for Mondays hearing .

I am a long time property owner right down the street at 1803 Palma Plaza.

I am an architect and preservation and adaptive reuse proponent with many years in this neighborhood and thru out our city !

I am excited by this opportunity for this property .

Thank you

Christina Contros
[REDACTED] Palma Plaza
Austin TX 78703
[REDACTED]

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Rezoning Church

From Doug Hodge [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 7:27 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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TO: Cynthia.hadri@austintexas.gov

Subject: Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

Dear Cynthia,

I write to you with a clear letter of support for the rezoning case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

I own the office building nextdoor to the Church Site, at 1300 West Lynn. We share a property line on two sides (north of my property, and part of the west of my property).

I strongly support the rezoning and look forward to the church building being open to the public again - this time as a bookstore/cafe / art gallery,

Thank you!

Doug Hodge,
President
Republic Commercial Properties
Celebrating 40 Years!
1300 West Lynn St #100
Austin TX 78703
512-965-0131
DougHodge@rcp-tx.com

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From Doug Kern [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 3:00 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hi Cynthia,

I fully support the rezoning request related to **Case C14-2025-0109**, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Doug Kern. My family has lived on the corner of Maufrais Street & 12th Street for 30 years, a quarter mile from St Luke's. Our kids, now 26 and 22, went to Mathews Elementary.

First Light Books is one of our favorite spots in Hyde Park and we'd love to see the St Luke's site restored and partner with First Light and Willy Workman Gallery as a community hub.

Thanks,
Doug

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Doug Kern
[REDACTED]

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West Lynn Church Site

From Erica Maniscalco [REDACTED]

Date Sun 3/8/2026 10:27 PM

To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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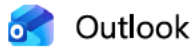
Dear Cynthia,

I am a resident of Clarksville and am in support of the church rezoning Case No C14-2025-0109. I think this will be a positive use of the site for my family and our neighborhood. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Erica Maniscalco
[REDACTED] west Lynn street
Austin, TX 78703

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Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Germaine Curry [REDACTED]
Date Sat 3/7/2026 6:43 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Cynthia,

I write to you with a clear letter of support for the rezoning case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site. My name is Germaine Curry. I am a long-time West Austin resident, and I live at [REDACTED] Palma Plaza. I strongly support the rezoning efforts for the project, and look forward to the church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Best,

Germaine Curry

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Letter of Support - Rezoning -West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Ivanna Kern [REDACTED] >
Date Fri 3/6/2026 3:44 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,

I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Ivanna Kern. I am a long-time resident of Old West Austin, and I live at [REDACTED] Maufras St.

I look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Thanks,
Ivanna Kern

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Letter of Support- rezoning- West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Jamie Katz [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 2:47 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Cynthia,

I am writing in support of rezoning C14-2025-0109 West Lynn Church site

As long time resident (11 years) and neighbor of the former United Methodist Church on West Lynn, we enjoyed its outreach and presence in the community, from being a polling location to its annual pumpkin patch, a place to swap used books or to sit on a bench and admire the small garden.

My family would love to see it continue to be a place for neighbors and the greater Clarksville/Old West Austin community to gather and create new memories. I am strongly in support of the proposed project of a bookstore and art gallery and outside space to again mingle with passerbys, particularly a spot that welcomes families. This would be a real win-win for our neighborhood.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Jamie Katz
[REDACTED] Palma Plaza, Apt [REDACTED]
Austin, TX 78703.

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Rezoning Church property

From Jana Harker [REDACTED]
Date Mon 3/9/2026 6:49 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Good Morning Cynthia,

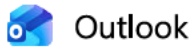
This is our letter of support for the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, Westlynn Church Site.

We are new neighbors to Clarksville having moved into a duplex [REDACTED] West 12th St. last October from the Judges Hill neighborhood. We've really enjoyed the relaxed, friendly and small town feel of this neighborhood and enthusiastically look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community gathering spot.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jana and Doug Harker

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CASE: C14-2025-0109

From Jane Webre [redacted]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 11:00 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia, I am sending this e-mail in support of the rezoning application for the West Lynn Church Site, CASE: C14-2025-0109.

My name is Jane Webre. My address is [redacted] Hartford Rd., Austin, Texas 78703. My home is just a few blocks from the church site.

I am in favor of the rezone of the church site. The property is currently not in regular use since the church closed. The proposed new use is consistent and harmonious with the existing pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. I believe First Light Books and an art gallery will be a very positive addition to our neighborhood.

I encourage the City to approve the rezone and allow this project to move forward.

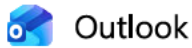
Thank you for your consideration.

Jane

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West Lynn Church Site - rezoning request support

From T Albrecht <[REDACTED]>
Date Sat 3/7/2026 9:25 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,

We support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

We are Jeff & Toni Albrecht, semi long-time residents of Old West Austin ([REDACTED] street) who have loved this neighborhood for decades and intend to remain here for the rest of our days.

We wholeheartedly support saving St Luke's church. We actually attended there many times over the years and it's character reflects the charm of our neighborhood.

We so look forward to the church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

thank you so very much for preserving this little piece of Clarksville's history,
Jeff & Toni Albrecht

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From joannehankamer@att.net [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 3:06 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,

I write to you with a clear letter of support for the rezoning case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Joanne Hankamer, Although I moved to Westminster Retirement Center in 2025, I lived in the West Austin neighborhood for over 40 years in three different residences [REDACTED] Highland Avenue; [REDACTED]

Though I no longer am physically connected to the neighborhood, it will always be home for me. I highly support rezoning the property for this project. It would be a strong and useful anchor for the neighborhood. And it gives me a reason and place to gather with cherished friends.

Thank you,

Joanne Hankamer

[REDACTED]
Austin, TX 78731
[REDACTED]

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West Lynn Church Site Re-Zone - C14-2025-0109

From Justin Conrad [REDACTED]
Date Thu 3/5/2026 6:02 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hi Cynthia,

My name is Justin Conrad and I live at [REDACTED] W 14th St. Austin, TX 78703.

We are looking forward to First Light Books coming into our neighborhood and welcome the re-zone of the church property.

We believe this is going to be great for our neighborhood and our community.

Please let me know if you have any questions for me during this process. Thanks again for your time!

Justin Conrad

mobile: [REDACTED]

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From Kathleen Deaver [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 6:52 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,

I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Kathleen Deaver. I am a long-time resident of Old West Austin. I live at [REDACTED] highland ave, Austin.

I look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Please Preserve the building and the character of our neighborhood.

Many Thanks,

Kathleen

Mary Reed
Austin. [REDACTED]

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*



C14-2025-0109 Support

From Katie Van Dyk [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 2:45 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Cynthia,

I am a resident of Clarksville and am in support of the church rezoning Case No C14-2025-0109. I think this will be a positive use of the site for my family and our neighborhood. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Katie Van Dyk
[REDACTED] 11th Street
Austin, TX 78703

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Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Kim Herrington [REDACTED]
Date Sun 3/8/2026 10:42 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Ms Hadri,
I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Kim Herrington and I am a 21 year resident of Old West Austin - I live at [REDACTED] Palma Plaza.

I am thrilled with the proposal of Graham Brown for the St Luke church building and for it being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Take care,
Kim

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Case C14-2025-0109

From Lauren Andrews [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 9:24 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hi Cynthia,

My name is Lauren Andrews and I live at [REDACTED] Palma Plaza, Austin, TX 78703 which is at the corner of 14th St. and Palma Plaza, across from St. Luke's Church.

I wanted to express my support of the church's rezone. I am excited about the project which includes the bookstore/coffee shop and I think it will be a positive addition to the neighborhood. I look forward to it being a gathering place for our community and think it will be a positive use of the space.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Lauren Andrews

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Lauren Andrews
[REDACTED]

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Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Leanne Valenti [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 8:51 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hello Cynthia,
My name is Leanne Valenti, and I am a resident of Old West Austin. I live at [REDACTED] W 12th St.

I'm reaching out to share my support of the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109. I look forward to the St Luke's Church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Thank you,
Leanne

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Leanne Valenti
[REDACTED]

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CASE: C14-2025-0109 / West Lynn Church Site

From Lisa Hickey [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 7:40 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

CASE: C14-2025-0109 NAME: West Lynn Church Site CASE MANAGER: Cynthia Hadri 512-974-7620, Cynthia.hadri@austintexas.gov Good morning, My name is Lisa Hickey, a resident at [REDACTED] Hartford Road, Austin 78703. I am writing to voice my support for the re-zoning of the St. Luke's church site at 1306 West Lynn. After reviewing plans with the developer, I am very excited about the value this project will bring to our community - a place to gather, to appreciate art, to connect. I was saddened to hear the church was closing but once I learned of this new project, I couldn't imagine a better plan, or partner, for this neighborhood space. Thank you for your consideration, Lisa Hickey [REDACTED]



Letter of Support

From liz lambert [REDACTED]
Date Sat 3/7/2026 10:24 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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TO: Cynthia.hadri@austintexas.gov

Subject: Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

Cynthia,

I write to you with a clear letter of support for the rezoning case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

I am a long-time West Austin resident, and operate multiple hospitality establishments in Clarksville: these include Jefferies (1 block from site), Josephine House (1 block from site), Clark's, Howards, Swedish Hill, Westside Market, and Pecan Square Cafe. In addition, my partners and I are spearheading the 6th & Blanco development on West 6th.

I strongly support the rezoning and look forward to the church being given a new lease of life and activated through a thoughtful community-forward retail in a bookstore & coffee shop. I'm excited to welcome this project to the neighborhood.

Many Thanks,

Liz Lambert
MML

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I enthusiastically support the request to rezone the property where St Luke Church is located. C14-2025-0109

From Mary Reed [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 2:33 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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I am a longtime resident of Old West Austin ([REDACTED] Charlotte Street) and I think that Graham Brown Consulting's plans for the St Luke Church building are fantastic. The project Brown envisions will be an asset to the neighborhood. Therefore, I support the rezoning request related to the site where St Luke Church is located.

I look forward to seeing the church building restored and having the sanctuary become a beautiful bookstore/cafe. The neighborhood has been very worried about what would happen after the church closed and everyone I have spoken with is thrilled with the proposed project. It reflects what we hoped for.

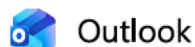
Thanks!

Mary Reed
Austin [REDACTED]

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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From Matt Hickey [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 8:16 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Cynthia -

My name is Matt Hickey, a resident at [REDACTED] Hartford Road, Austin 78703, homeowner at this address since 2008.

I am writing to voice my support for the re-zoning of the St. Luke's church site at 1306 West Lynn.

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Once learning about the potential new development, I am very excited about the value this project will bring to our community.

I was saddened to hear the church was closing but once I learned of this new project, I couldn't imagine a better plan, or partner, for this neighborhood space.

Thank you.

-Matt Hickey

[REDACTED] Hartford Road

Cell: [REDACTED]

PS: please let me know when we can show up in person to lend our support to this project, and planned meetings concerning, etc.

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support CASE: C14-2025-0109 NAME: West Lynn Church Site

From Maurizio Viroli [redacted]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 10:39 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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CASE: C14-2025-0109
NAME: West Lynn Church Site
CASE MANAGER: Cynthia Hadri 512-974-7620, Cynthia.hadri@austintexas.gov

My wife, Maria Gabriella Argnani, and I, Maurizio Viroli, who live in our home [redacted] West 14th Street, Austin, 78703) next to the church on West Lynn, at the corner of 14th Street, are writing this letter to **strongly support** Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

We believe it is the best possible solution for our neighborhood because the improvements to existing buildings and the construction of new buildings do not disrupt the harmony of the neighborhood and ensure the safety of our community. Indeed, we are certain that a bookstore with an adjoining coffee shop will enrich the neighborhood.

Best regards,
Maria Gabriella Argnani and Maurizio Viroli

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Maurizio Viroli
Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin
Professor of Politics, Emeritus - Princeton University

cellphone: [redacted]

Latest book - [Prophetic Times: Visions of Emancipation in the History of Italy](#), (Cambridge University Press, 2023)

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West Lynn Church Site Support: C14-2025-0109

From Meghan Yancy [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 9:52 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Cynthia Hadri,

My name is Meghan Yancy and I am writing as a native Austinite and direct residential neighbor [REDACTED] W 14th St) to lend my support to the rezone case associated with the West Lynn Church site, case number: C14-2025-0109. Given the adjacent zoning next door at [REDACTED] West Lynn and across the street at [REDACTED] West Lynn St, not only do I believe the zoning sought is appropriate and reasonable, I also believe this project is one the neighborhood is lucky to have.

Of course change directly next to one's home is never easy, however, having a developer that seeks out neighbor and neighborhood input, provides an adaptive re-use solution especially appreciated in a historic neighborhood, and plans for a use that will be a great community oriented addition to the neighborhood makes it way easier! I look forward to welcoming this applicant to the neighborhood and support the necessary changes they're seeking required to do so.

Have a great weekend and thank you for all that you do for Austin!

Best,
Meghan

Meghan Yancy
Zydeco Development
[REDACTED]

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In support of rezone // CASE: C14-2025-0109

From Monica Pereira [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 9:27 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hello Cynthia,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed project under CASE: C14-2025-0109 for the West Lynn Church site.

I live with my family at [REDACTED] Hartford Rd., Austin, TX 78703, just a short walk from this corner. It is an important intersection in our neighborhood and a place where many of us regularly pass while walking between our homes and the shops on West Lynn. Because of this, the future of this site matters greatly to nearby residents.

I believe the proposed project is well aligned with the character and priorities of our neighborhood. In particular, I appreciate its focus on creating a space that supports community life and family enrichment through art and books. This vision feels consistent with the spirit of Old West Austin and the type of thoughtful neighborhood-serving development many of us hope to see.

Thank you for considering my support as you review this case. Please feel free to reach out if any additional information would be helpful.

With gratitude,

Monica Pereira
[REDACTED] Hartford Rd.
Austin, TX 78703

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Attention: Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From monica wu [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 1:42 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Dear Cynthia,
I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Monica Wu Tran. I am a long-time resident of Old West Austin, and I live at [REDACTED] West 11th St, Austin, TX 78703.
I look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Monica Wu-Tran

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Case #C14-2025-0109

From NANCY TOWNSEND [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 9:29 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Good Morning Cynthia,

My husband I want to enthusiastically endorse First Light Books (with cafe) and an art gallery for the West Lynn Church Site. It would be a great addition to our neighborhood to have a gathering place that so many of us could walk to and spend time with our neighbors. We have lived in our house for almost 49 years and love meeting new people and having a true sense of community.

We both go to Moogie Pilates next to First Light Books in Hyde Park and get to see first hand how much the community loves First Light. It is the neighborhood gathering spot for Hyde Park. Sure hope we will have our own gathering area in Clarksville.

Best regards,

Nancy and Lambeth Townsend
[REDACTED] Hartford Rd
Austin, Tx 78703
[REDACTED]

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West Lynn Church site

From Nancy M [REDACTED]
Date Thu 3/5/2026 4:36 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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To Cynthia Hadri, Case Manager

Regarding
ASE: C14-2025-0109
NAME: West Lynn Church Site
CASE MANAGER: Cynthia Hadri

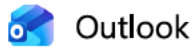
I have been informed about the plan for this site and am very enthusiastic about it. I live at [REDACTED] Palma Plaza, Austin, TX 78703, and this neighborhood is very special to the residents and to Austin. It is one of the most walkable and pleasant neighborhoods in Austin, and the proposal would contribute to keeping it that way. The plan, including a book store, will be beneficial for all of us and for central Austin broadly.

Unfortunately I cannot attend the Tuesday meeting, but I wanted to give my support.

best wishes,
Nancy Moran

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From Olivia B. Ruiz [REDACTED]
Date Sat 3/7/2026 1:01 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>
Cc Olivia B. Ruiz [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms. Hadri:

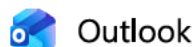
I am in support of the request to rezone the West Lynn Church. Rehabilitating the current structure and maintaining the "church" facade provides the Clarksville community a sigh a relief.

I would not like to see the current building demolished and a new modern building built in its place. The development at 12th and West Lynn (the old Nau's Drug Store) is such a disappointment to our community as well as Old West Austin Neighborhood Association that we are fighting to maintain our unique neighborhoods. The City of Austin should help citizens maintain the uniqueness of all our neighborhoods.

I have owned a home in Clarksville from 1986 to 2008. Lucky for me, I currently live at 1105 Toyath Street and have owned this home since 2007. I hope the Planning Commission votes to keep the church.

Thank you.
Olivia B. Ruiz

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Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Pam Golightly [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 11:59 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,

I write to you with a clear letter of support for the rezoning case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Pam Golightly and I've lived on Palma Plaza for over 23 years.

I live a block west of the Church at 14th and W Lynn. I attended the meeting held by the Regional Methodist leader last year at which time they advised us they wanted to save the property and were soliciting ideas.

This news was received with great enthusiasm and the community generated a myriad of great ideas.

Sadly, renting became problematic because of the many costly repairs needed.

We have all been very worried that the church would be torn down and multi-family units would be built on the property.

However, when we learned that the partners who had designed the book store in Hyde Park might be buying the property we were all delighted.

Many of us have met Graham Brown, one of the partners involved in the project, and we all feel he has a personal vested interest in making this a beautiful addition to the community as well as genuinely committed to creating a safe environment for the neighbors who will be most impacted by the changes in the property.

We all love the Church. It's a neighborhood jewel and none of us want to see it be torn down.

I personally support the rezoning efforts for the project, and look forward to the church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Many Thanks,

Pam Golightly
[REDACTED] Palma Plaza



Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Patricia Edelmann [REDACTED]
Date Sun 3/8/2026 9:54 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,
I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Patricia Edelmann. I am a resident of Old West Austin, and I live at [REDACTED] Hartford Rd.

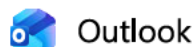
I look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Patricia Edelmann

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Support of Re-zoning of West Lynn Church-C14-2025-0109

From Paula Hern [REDACTED]
Date Sun 3/8/2026 10:10 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hello Cynthia,
I am writing to lend my support to the re-zoning of St. Luke's church on West Lynn. I support OWANA's efforts to work with the current developer and understand there is a restrictive covenant being finalized that I also support. I am a long time resident of Old West Austin and serve on the Board of CCDC. I appreciate the project and what it could lend the neighborhood.
Sincerely,
Paula Hern
[REDACTED] Francis Ave.
Austin, Texas 78703

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Zoning request

From Peggy Pickle [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 5:33 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Cynthia,
I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Peggy Pickle. I am a long-time resident of Old West Austin, and I live at [REDACTED]
W. [REDACTED] Austin, TX. 78703.

I look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Peggy Pickle
[REDACTED]

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Fwd: Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From sandi sain [REDACTED]**Date** Fri 3/6/2026 3:43 PM**To** Sirwaitis, Sherri <Sherri.Sirwaitis@austintexas.gov>; Thomas, Eric <Eric.Thomas@austintexas.gov>**Cc** Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Sorry, I did not get my entire message inserted below. Sending again. Thank you for posting this support!

Cynthia,

I support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Sandi Sain. I am a long-time resident of Old West Austin. I live at [REDACTED] W. 6th Street, Villa West Condos.

We desperately want and need to keep Clarksville's character intact but upgraded. The multi-uses proposed by Graham Brown Consulting, Owner, are perfect for this historic neighborhood.

I look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Best regards,

Sandi Sain



Case No C14-2025-0109

From Stephanie Wright [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 3:25 PM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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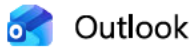
I am a resident of Old Enfield and am in support of the church rezoning Case No C14-2025-0109. I am very excited about the prospect of a such a fabulous use of the site for my family and our neighborhood. I'm happy to be a resource if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Stephanie Wright
[REDACTED] Newfield Lane
Austin, TX 78703

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Letter of Support - C14-2025-0109

From Tamara Aronstein [REDACTED]
Date Fri 3/6/2026 10:11 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Hello Ms. Hadri,

My name is Tamara Aronstein. I live at [REDACTED] Palma Plz, Austin TX 78703. I live just two blocks from St. Luke Methodist Church. I have been closely following the proposed rezoning and development into a First Light bookstore. I am in strong support of this project. The church was a meaningful community space for our neighborhood when it was open. The proposed rezoning would allow this space to continue to serve as a neighborhood hub albeit in a different capacity. I respectfully request the commission's favorable consideration.

Thank you!

Tamara Aronstein
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Re: Letter of Support - Rezoning - West Lynn Church - C14-2025-0109

From Vanessa Lively [REDACTED]
Date Mon 3/9/2026 11:04 AM
To Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov>

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Thank you Cynthia!

Everyone who is a neighbor who I have spoken with (and there are many of us) are elated about this project and very much in favor of doing anything we can to save the church structure and create a vibrant community-centric space.

Thank you!

Vanessa Lively
Austin musician and Founder of Home Street Music

Vanessa Gomez Lively
Musician, Songwriter
Founder of [Home Street Music](#)
Austin, Texas
[REDACTED]

On Mon, Mar 9, 2026 at 10:05 AM Hadri, Cynthia <Cynthia.Hadri@austintexas.gov> wrote:

Hi Vanessa,

Thank you for your comments, I will include them in the backup submitted to the Commissioners and Council Members.

Best Regards,



Cynthia Hadri
Planner Senior
Planning Department
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Hello Cynthia,

I fully support the rezoning request related to Case C14-2025-0109, West Lynn Church Site.

My name is Vanessa Lively. I am a long-time resident of Old West Austin, and I live at [REDACTED]
11th Street, Austin TX 78703.

I look forward to the St Luke church building being restored as a community anchor within the neighborhood.

Please help this move forward,

Vanessa Lively
Founder of Home Street Music
Austin, TX

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