PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL

ON

REZONING:

C14-2007-0067 3608 CLAWSON ROAD

 \mathbf{BY}

BOB THOMPSON

LEAD SPEAKER

ZONING COMMITTEE MEMBER

SOUTH LAMAR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

IN OPPOSITION TO MF-2-CO IN OPPOSITION TO SF-6-CO **FAVOR RETENTION OF SF-3**

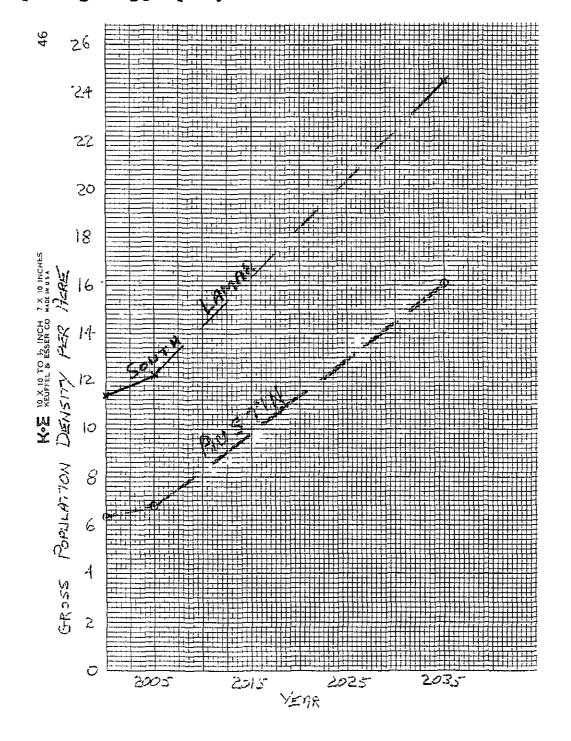
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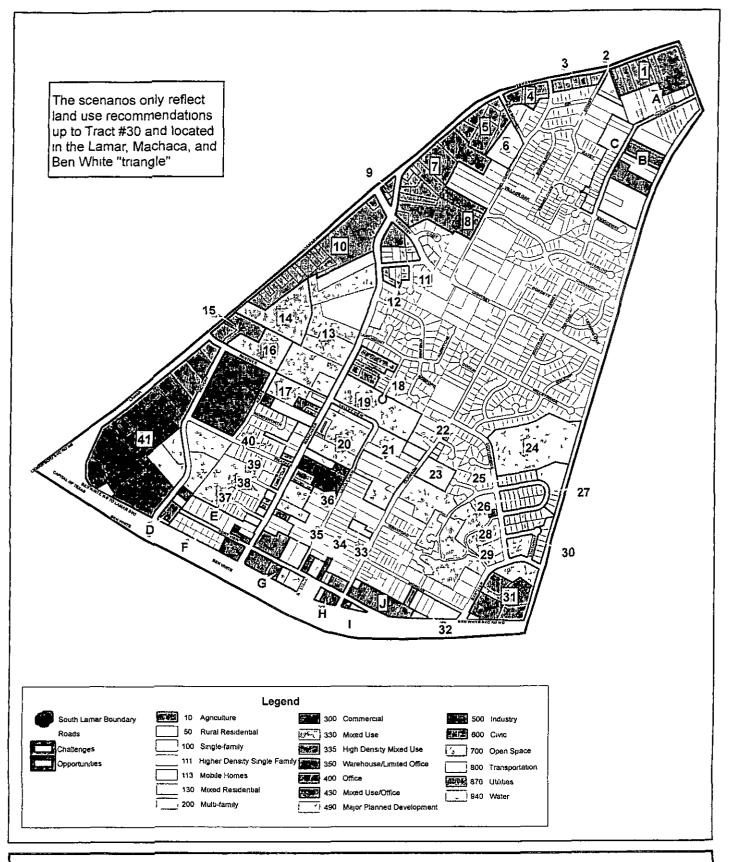
OUTLINE OF SOUTH LAMAR NEIGHBORHOOD OPPOSITION TO THIS UPZONING REQUEST FOR 3608 CLAWSON ROAD

- ♦ This upzoning is contrary to our draft Neighborhood Plan FLUM
 - (1) We already embrace density, and tend to support upzoning on the periphery of our neighborhood.
 - (2) We wish to preserve SF3 zoning in the core interior of our neighborhood, and we wish to avoid "upzoning creep", recognizing that significant SF3 density increase will occur from infill development.
- ♦ Upzoning these Clawson Road tracts is particularly inappropriate
 - (1) Upzoning would exacerbate presently unsafe traffic conditions.
 - (2) Upzoning would exacerbate present water runoff drainage problems.
- ♦ Developers should undertake the very feasible development possible under the SF3 zoning in place when their land was acquired, especially in the absence of affirmative reasons to upzone.
- Overwhelming opposition to upzoning has been expressed in a Valid Petition from the Single Family neighbors affected by this upzoning.
- ♦ Despite the mistaken staff identification of the Southern neighbor's zoning as MF2, rather than the correct SF3 zoning, the Planning Commission achieved a plurality vote of 4 3 in favor of maintaining the SF3 zoning of the subject tract. [5 votes were required for a formal recommendation from PC]

POPULATION DENSITY TRENDS FOR SOUTH LAMAR NP AREA AND FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN

- ♦ Cid Galindo's target urban population density for "2035 Sustainable City Initiative" is 16.1 people per acre, versus 6.8 people per acre in 2005.
- ♦ South Lamar's 2005 density was 12.3 people per acre (factor of 1.8 above average), and should double by 2035 from infill of core plus upzoning along periphery.

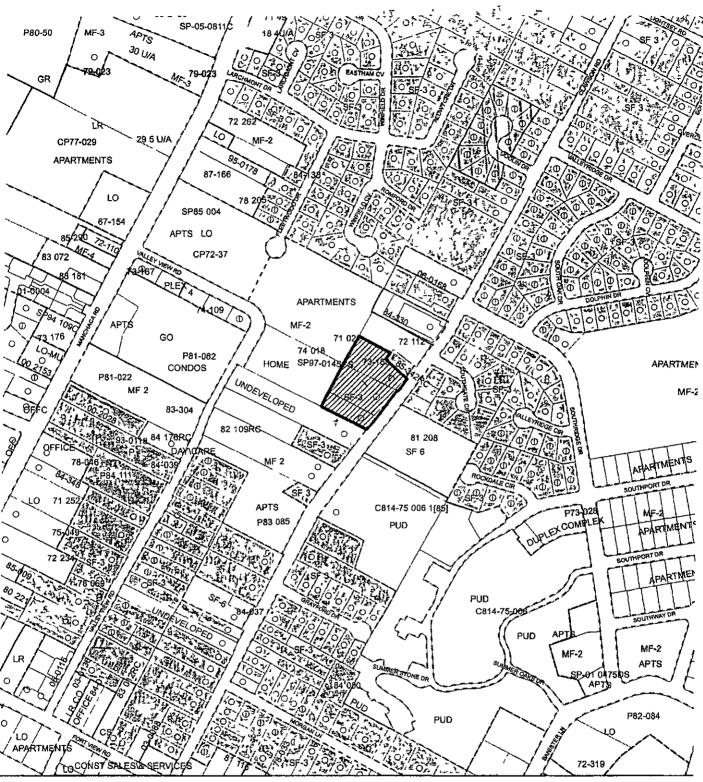






South Lamar Planning Area
Future Land Use Map - Draft Scenario "A"
Incomplete









Subject Tract Zoning Boundary

ZONING CASE# C14-2007-0067 ADDRESS 3608 CLAWSON RD SUBJECT AREA 2 223 GRID G19 **Pending Cases** MANAGER R HEIL

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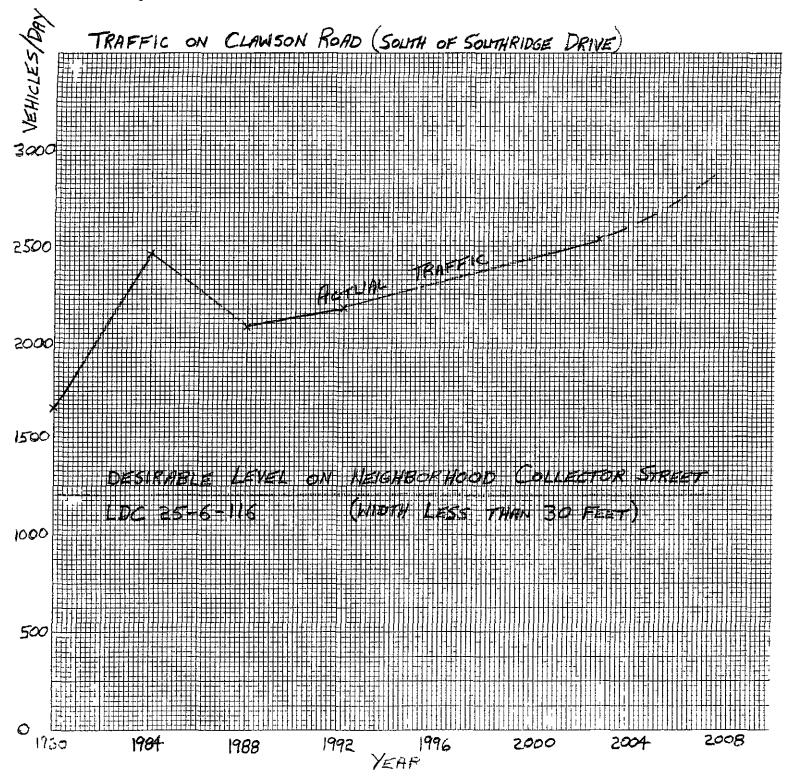


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TRAFFIC CONSIDERATIONS ON CLAWSON ROAD @ SUBJECT TRACT

- ♦ Present traffic count of ~3000 VPD is 250% of desirable level for a neighborhood collector street of less than 30 feet width
- ♦ LDC 25-6-141 indicates that a zoning application may be denied if a proposed development may overburden the City's street system
- ♦ Upzoning is inappropriate given the overburdened traffic & drainage systems



CLAWSON ROAD IS A HILLY, NARROW, OVERTRAFFICKED NEIGHBORHOOD COLLECTOR STREET



Top of Hill, North of Subject Tract (on right)



Bottom of Hill, South of Subject Tract (on left)

BECAUSE OF LIMITED SIGHT LINES, CLAWSON ROAD IS UNSAFE FOR VEHICULAR ENTRY, AND FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, SO THAT UPZONING IS DANGEROUS

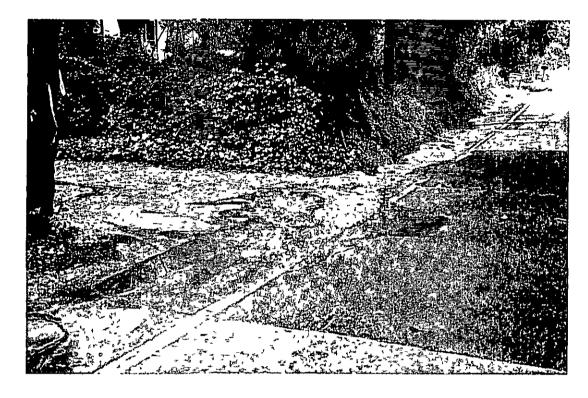


Is it safe to exit this tract and turn left? What is coming over the hill?



Clawson is not appropriate for safe pedestrian traffic!

WATER DRAINAGE IS ALREADY A PROBLEM ALONG CLAWSON ROAD, EVEN WITH THE PRESENTLY UNDERDEVELOPED TRACTS



At the bottom of the hill, water puddles on the road after mild rains, and covers the road after heavy rains.

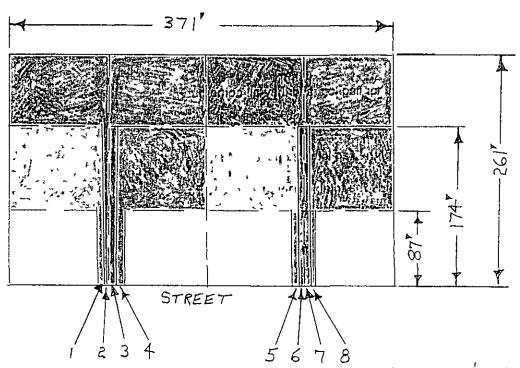


The water runoff is already strong enough to erode the asphalt.

ABSENCE OF AFFIRMATIVE REASONS TO UPZONE FROM SF3 SF3 IS NOT A DEFECTIVE ZONING DISTRICT

- ♦ Contrary to the developers' assertions, it is not necessary to resort to 12 flagpole driveways, with 12 curb cuts, to provide access to the otherwise landlocked lots in a SF3 subdivision. Instead, groups of joint use flagpole driveways may be used, or else a private or public street with a cul de sac or U shape may be employed.
- ♦ Contrary to the developers' assertions, it is not necessary to upzone in order to ensure that water detention is provided to protect the downhill neighbors from water runoff. The same water detention requirements are triggered at the SF3 subdivision level, as are triggered at the MF2 site plan level.
- ♦ Contrary to the developers' assertions, it is not likely that more trees will be retained under upzoning. The greater flexibility under SF6 or MF2 tends to be offset by the larger number of units to be built. The preliminary, 28 unit site plan offered by the developers saved fewer trees than the preliminary SF3 20 unit (before water detention) plan from the neighborhood.

I DEALIZED ESTIMATION OF NUMBER OF DUPLEXES
PERMITTED LINDER SF3 ZONING ON 2,223 ACRES



FLAGPOLES TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INTERIOR LOTS (MINIMUM WIDTH = 15 FT)

TOTAL AREA = 371 × 261 = 96,831 SQFT = 2.223 ACKES

AREA OF 8 } = 4×15×87 +4×15×174 = 15,660 SQ. FT = 16.2% × TOT. AREA DRIVEWAYS

VC. 142-152 FEMMENTED BY J. BARNETT

REMAINING NON-FLASPOLE AREA = 81, 171 Sp. FT.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF = 81,171 SO.FT. = 11.6 - DUPLEXES

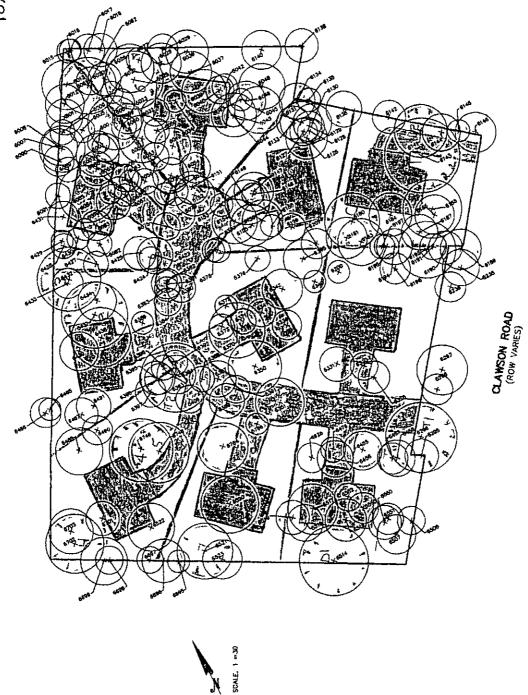
SF3 DUPLEXES = 7,000 SO.FT. / DUPLEX

(BEFORE SITE PLAN RESTRICTIONS, WHICH -MAY- REDUCE THE NUMBER)

CLAWSON ROAD TREE SURVEY

TREES SAVED

13/13 SIGNIFICANT 98/205 TOTAL



PRELIMINARY * DUPLEX SF.3 SITE PLIN (2ND DRAFT) 20 LINIT

* WITHOUT WATER DETENTION

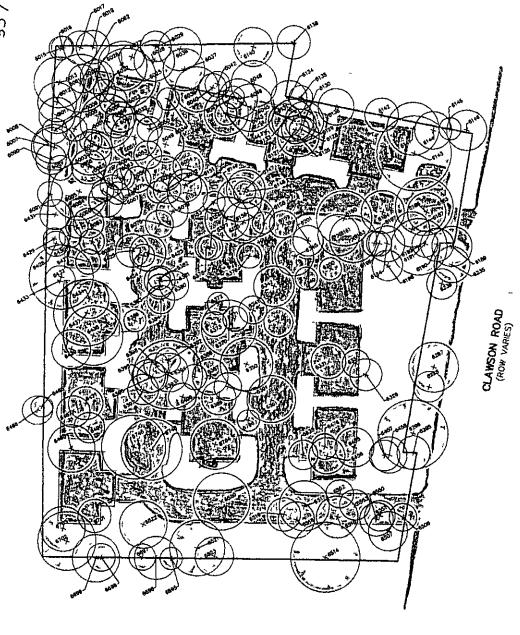


TREE SURVEY CLAWSON ROAD

TREES SAVED

7/13 SIGNIFICANT

33/205 TOTAL



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COMPARISON OF ACHIEVABLE UNIT COUNTS UNDER SF3, SF6, & MF2

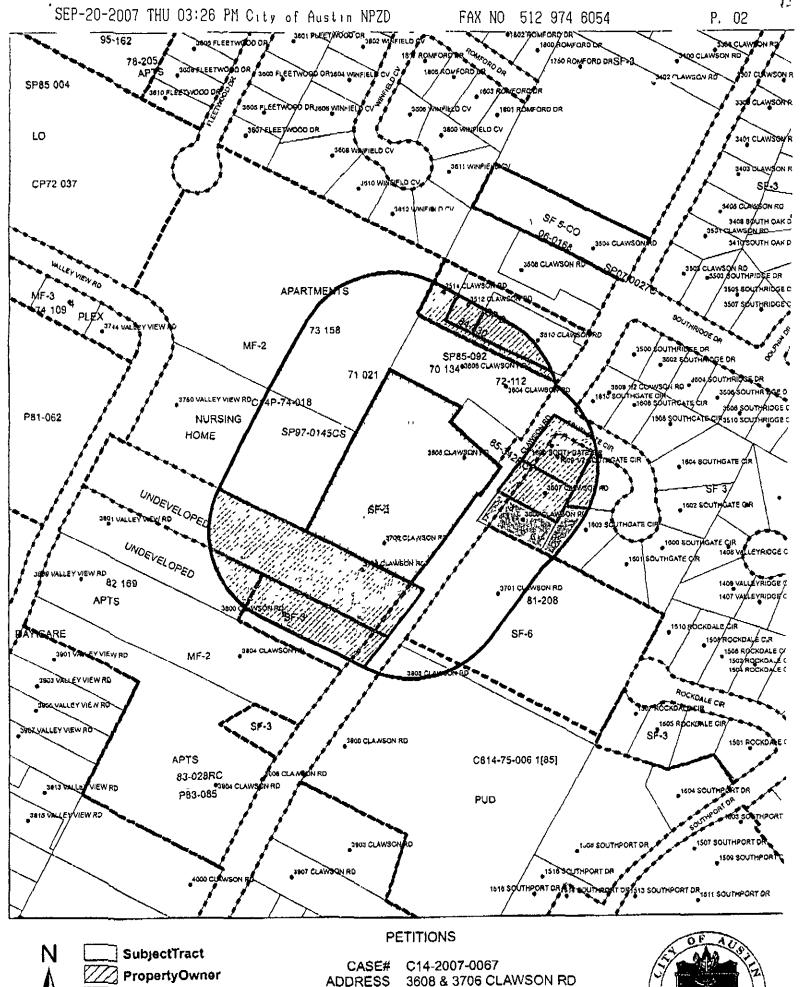
| SF3: | 13 Duplexes (26 units) per 7000 sq. ft. per duplex site area |
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| | -2 Duplexes (- 4 units) after allowance for driveways/streets to access interior units |
| | -2 Duplexes (-4 units) after provision of land for water detention, due to topography |
| | -1 Duplex (-2 units) after compliance with setbacks, impervious cover, fire truck access, & irregular shape of tract |
| | 8 Duplexes (16 units) = Estimate of number achievable under all restrictions |
| SF6: | 27 Condo units per 3500 sq. ft. per unit site area |
| | -3 Condo units, after compliance with site plan restrictions |
| | 24 Condo units = Estimate of number achievable after all restrictions |
| MF2: | ~50 Condo units per raw restrictions |
| | - ,5 Condo units, to restrict traffic count below 300 vehicles per day |
| | ~45 Condo units = Estimate of number achievable Subject to less than 300 VPD |

CONCLUSION: 16 units (SF3) vs. 24 units (SF6) vs. 45 units (MF2)
Upzoning permits much higher density than SF3!

PETITION

Date _____

| | | File Number: <u>C14</u> - | <u>-2007-0067</u> |
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| То | Austin City Counc | il | |
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Dear Council Member

My name is Jan Cartwright

I'm writing you regarding the requested zoning change for 3608 and 3706 Clawson Road, agenda item C14-2007-0067. After several postponements this case is scheduled for a date when it is impossible for me to speak to you in person.

I'm a retired Architect My wife and I have lived at our current address on Clawson Road for 31 years We are opposed to the requested zoning change

We are fully aware that overall population density in Austin is going to increase. We've supported the vertical mixed use overlay along the core transit corridors but have done so with the understanding that density within the neighborhoods will be protected. We do not oppose infill of unused property under its current zoning. We are opposed to up-zoning within established neighborhoods.

The property in question is zoned SF-3 and has been since zoning was established for this area. The shape of the lots allows them to be fully developed under the current SF-3 zoning without penalty.

Clawson Road is a narrow hilly street, we like that, as do our neighbors. It is not designed to carry a high volume of traffic. According to information provided by the Austin Police Department there have been 24 accidents, 13 of these were injury accidents, since 2000. I believe even this is deceiving as there are many minor accidents that are not reported to the police many involving cars parked along the road Although I haven't found records of them I know of 2 accidents where deaths occurred during the years before 2000.

All of this is on a neighborhood street 8 of one mile long

You will be told that there is already MF-2 zoning on Clawson Road and this is true but these developments occurred 25 +/- years ago when we did not have a neighborhood association or any way to successfully oppose the high density development. We were able to prevent the two largest developments from directly exiting onto or entering from Clawson Road.

If there has ever been a case that does not deserve a change in zoning this is it

Please support our neighborhood and do not grant a change from SF-3

Thank you for reading my letter and thank you for your service to our community

Sincerely,
Jan Cartwright AIA
Vice President, South Lamar Neighborhood Association

C/O BOB THOMPSON

10:11:01

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June 1, 2007

Mr Robert Heil CITY OF AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT 505 Barton Springs Road, 5th Floor Austin, TX 78704

re Case Number C14-2007-0067

Dear Mr Heil,

This letter is a follow-up to the voice mail I left with for you today at 974-2330. I have contacted you in response to a letter dated May 31, 2007, copy attached. My home/residence is on the 2 acre lot that I own due south of the 2,223 acre tract at 3608 Clawson Road that has requested a zoning change from SF-3 to MF-3. My home is a frame house build in the 1930's by a Mi. Overall who died here. I bought the property from his estate in 1974, and have fived here ever since. In the 1970's, I had several dairy goats here with me on the property. I have an office in what was Mr. Overall's workshop/garage, but it is just for phones, files, and computers, no one comes here on business.

I am opposed to the requested zoning change I have two major concerns, traffic, and flooding

Regarding traffic, Clawson Road is very hilly and narrow, and it is not appropriate to allow re-zoning that will generate more traffic

Regarding flooding, the subject tract is up-hill from my property, and I am very concerning about any development there increasing the stormwater flow across my property. The tract immediately north of me now has a duplex. That should not be changed in my opinion.

Please enter my opposition to this matter in the City's records, and provide me constitutionally appropriate due process for communicating my concerns to the appropriate decision makers. I would appreciate it if my opposition could be noted under PROCESS AND NOTES on the enclosed page from the City's web page.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. Please contact me by phone or email regarding how I should proceed in making my opposition known, and please let me know

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"Free the Child's Potential" --Dr Maria Montessori

October 11, 2007

Dear Austin City Council, Care of Bob Thompson,

I am writing in response to the Rezoning Request of 3608-3706 Clawson Road, 78704, File Number C14-2007-0067 Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting this evening so I want to be clear in writing that I am vehemently opposed to a rezoning of the property in question to anything higher than SF-3 that would allow for more concentration of housing, more residents and more cars

Clawson Road, and in particular the part of the road in front of the land in question, is extremely narrow, hilly and dangerous. I live across the street at the top of the hill in the condos at 3607 Clawson and am fearful every time I pull into or out of my driveway onto Clawson Road. Because the road is narrow with hills on both sides, drivers are unable to see cars, pedestrians and pets on or next to the road until they are right on top of them. I have only lived here a short time and in just a few months have had several near-misses with cars coming up the hill as I pull out of my driveway. All but one of my friends and family are no longer willing to park in my parking space out of fear of pulling out of the driveway because of the cars on the blind hill. I keep my cats inside for fear of them being run over by drivers who can't see. It is obviously not safe for neighbors walking or riding bikes either as there is no shoulder or sidewalk on the narrow, hilly, blind road. If the owners of the property in question were to be able to build high-density apaitments on this property, it would significantly increase not only the auto traffic but also the pedestrian and bike traffic on this road, significantly increasing the already existent risk

Furthermore, one of the reasons I chose to purchase my condo on this street is because it is a quiet neighborhood street that I thought would not be heavily trafficked. As a runner, cyclist and pet owner, I am very disappointed that it is a dangerous road. Any additional traffic would be scary and unnecessary

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The dramage issue is another one that is a greater problem than I have experienced in other neighborhoods. We currently have standing water on the roads every time it rains for several days creating additional road hazards and a completely out-of-control mosquito problem in our neighborhood. Additional housing would mean a greater taxing of the existing dramage structure.

I own three properties in the neighborhood for my home and my Montesson preschool for children. There are many children, elderly, and pets in our special neighborhood and it is very important that we keep it safe for them and safe for the environment, as well as to preserve the quaint nature of one of the few remaining beautiful, quiet hidden streets in Austin. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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