ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-2009-0030 Beal No.1 **P.C. DATE**: 04-14-2009

05-12-2009

ADDRESS: 1503 West Avenue AREA: 0.125 acres

APPLICANT: D Linette Beal-Stubbs **AGENT:** Jim Bennett Consulting

(Jim Bennett)

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AREA: Downtown **CAPITOL VIEW:** No

T.I.A.: Waived – See the Transportation Reviewers comments.

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ZONING FROM: SF-3-H – Single Family Residential/Historic

TO: LO-MU-H Limited Office - Mixed Use - Historic

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: Yes

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends LO-MU-H Limited Office-Mixed Use-Historic.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The motion to postpone to May 12, 2009 by the request of Planning Commission; was approved on the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Jay Reddy's motion, Commissioner Mandy Dealey second the motion on a vote of 8-0; Commissioner Dave Anderson was absent.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Historic Landmark Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting of April 27th voted to send case #C14H-1995-0004 back to the Planning Commission without a recommendation. There was a motion to approve the land use change. This motion failed on a vote of 2 to 3. There was a motion to deny the land use change. This motion failed on a vote of 3 to 2.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

This segment of West Avenue, between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 12th Street, has undergone a twenty five year transformation to predominantly Limited Office and General Office zoning. This trend to move to Office zoning dates back to 1979. The structure is also zoned "Historic", there by insuring that the structure will retain substantially it's currently façade

and "look', which is single family residential in nature. The applicant has also requested the inclusion of the Mixed Use (MU) combining district overlay for the subject property. The purpose of a mixed use (MU) combining district is to allow office, retail, commercial, and residential uses to be combined in a single development. Within the districts that allow mixed use development, uses may be combined either vertically in the same building, or horizontally in multiple buildings, or through a combination of the two, depending on the standards of the district. In an MU combining district that is combined with a Limited Office (LO) base district, the minimum site area for each dwelling unit is:

- (i) 1,600 square feet, for an efficiency dwelling unit;
- (ii) 2,000 square feet, for a one bedroom dwelling unit; and
- (iii) 2,400 square feet, for a dwelling unit with two or more bedrooms.

There was a petition submitted for this case, and the petition in not valid. A copy of the petition is attached to the report.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	ZONING	LAND USES	
SITE	SF-3	Single Family Residence	
NORTH	SF-3	Church Playground	
SOUTH	LO	Office	
EAST	GO	Church Parking Lot	
WEST	LO-H	Office	

CASE HISTORIES:

CASE NUMBER	REQUEST	PLANNING COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C14-91-0079 1504 West Ave.	From SF-3 to NO-H-CO	Approved NO-H-CO [Vote: 9-0]	Approved NO-H-CO [Vote: 7-0]
C14-78-184 1502 West Ave.	From "A" Residence (SF-3) to "O" Office (LO)	Approved "O" Office (LO) [Vote 7-0]	Approved "O" Office (LO) [Vote 9-0]
C14-80-171 1501 West Ave.	From "A" Residence (SF-3) to "O" Office (LO)	Approved "O" Office (LO) [Vote 7-0]	Approved "O" Office (LO) [Vote 9-0]

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

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

Granting LO-MU-H would be in keeping with the adjacent uses to the west and south as well as the predominate uses of Limited Office and General Office along West Avenue.

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:

- Homeless Neighborhood Assn.
- North Austin Neighborhood Alliance
- Sentral Plus East Austin Koalition
- Austin Neighborhoods Council
- Downtown Austin Alliance
- Downtown Austin Neigh. Assoc.

- Downtown Austin Neigh. Coal.
- Mueller Neighborhood Coal.
- Five Rivers Neigh. Assoc.
- Judges Hill Neigh. Assoc.
- Old Austin Neigh. Assoc.

SCHOOLS:

Matthews Elementary School O'Henry Middle School Austin High School

SITE PLAN:

Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. The site is subject to compatibility standards. Along the north property line, the following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.
- No parking or driveways are allowed within 9 feet of the property line.
- In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection. Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

TRANSPORTATION:

- TR1. No additional right-of-way is needed at this time.
- TR2. A traffic impact analysis was not required for this case because the traffic generated by the proposed zoning does not exceed the threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day. [LDC, 25-6-113]
- TR3. Existing Street Characteristics:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bike Route	Capital Metro
West Ave	80'	40'	Collector	Yes	No	Yes (within 1/4 mile)

ENVIRONMENTAL:

- 1. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Shoal Creek 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. Impervious cover is not limited in this watershed class; therefore the zoning district impervious cover limits will apply.
- 3. This site is required to provide on-site structural water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 5,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and detention for the two-year storm. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any pre-existing approvals which would preempt current water quality or Code requirements.
- 4. According to flood plain maps, there is no flood plain within the project area.
- 5. Trees will likely be impacted with a proposed development associated with this rezoning case. Please be aware that an approved rezoning status does not eliminate a proposed development's requirements to meet the intent of the tree ordinances. If further explanation or specificity is needed, please contact the City Arborist at 974-1876. At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.
- 6. Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

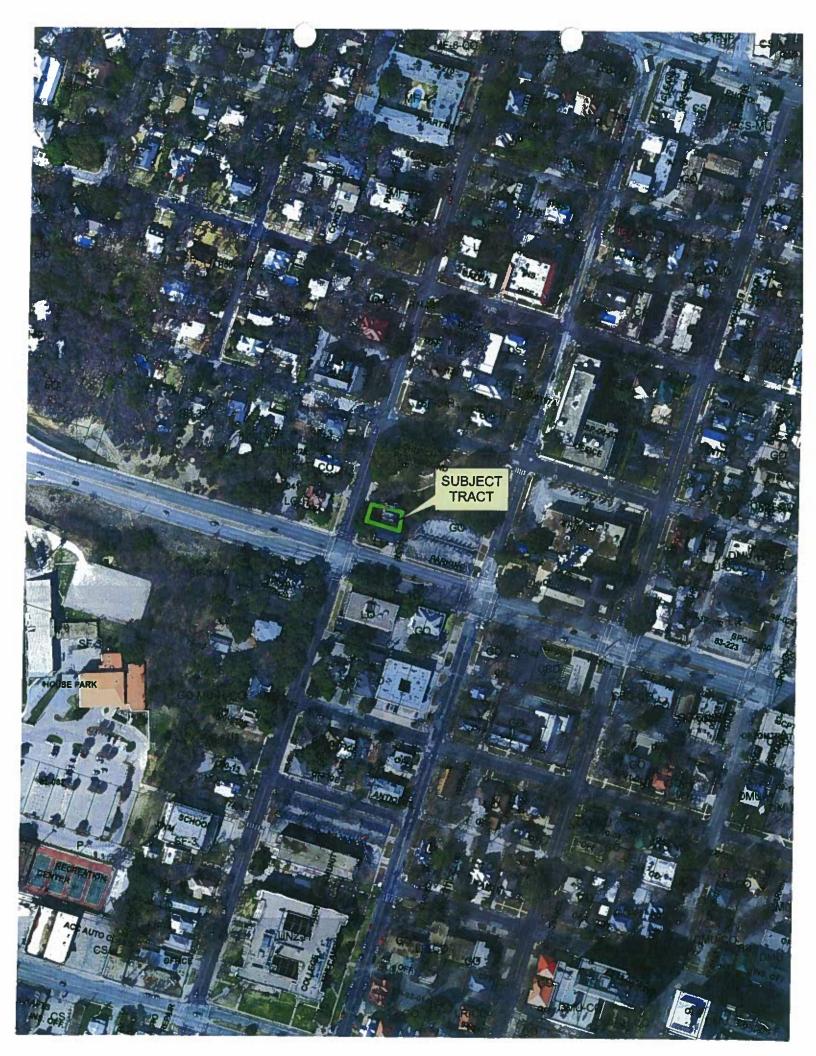
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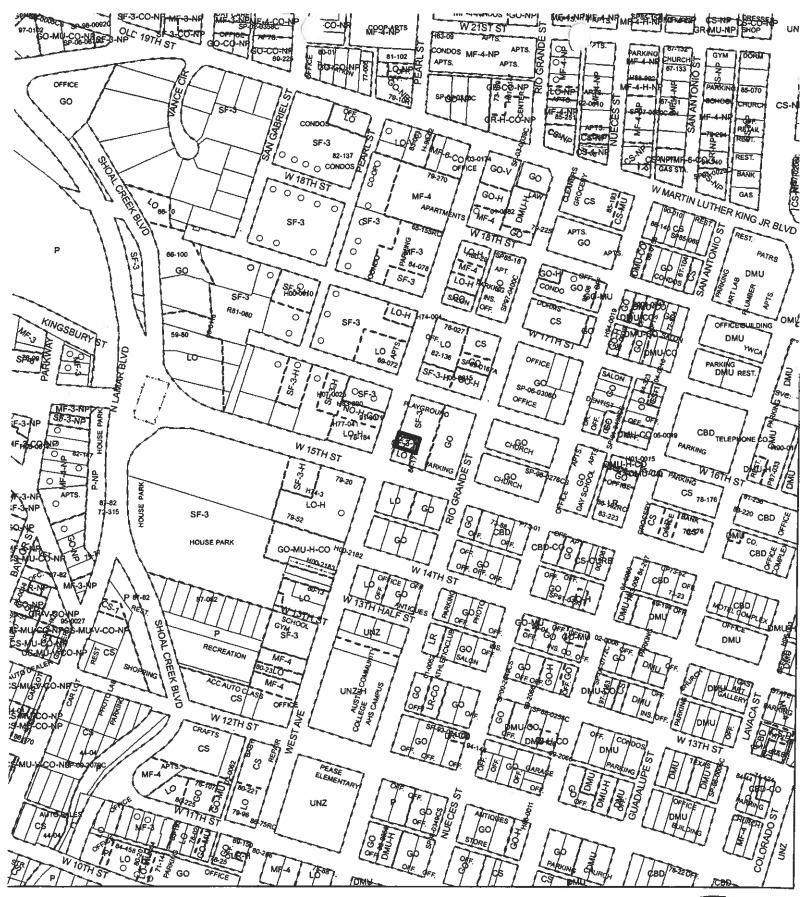
ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Clark Patterson PHONE: 974-7691

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ZONING BOUNDARY



OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

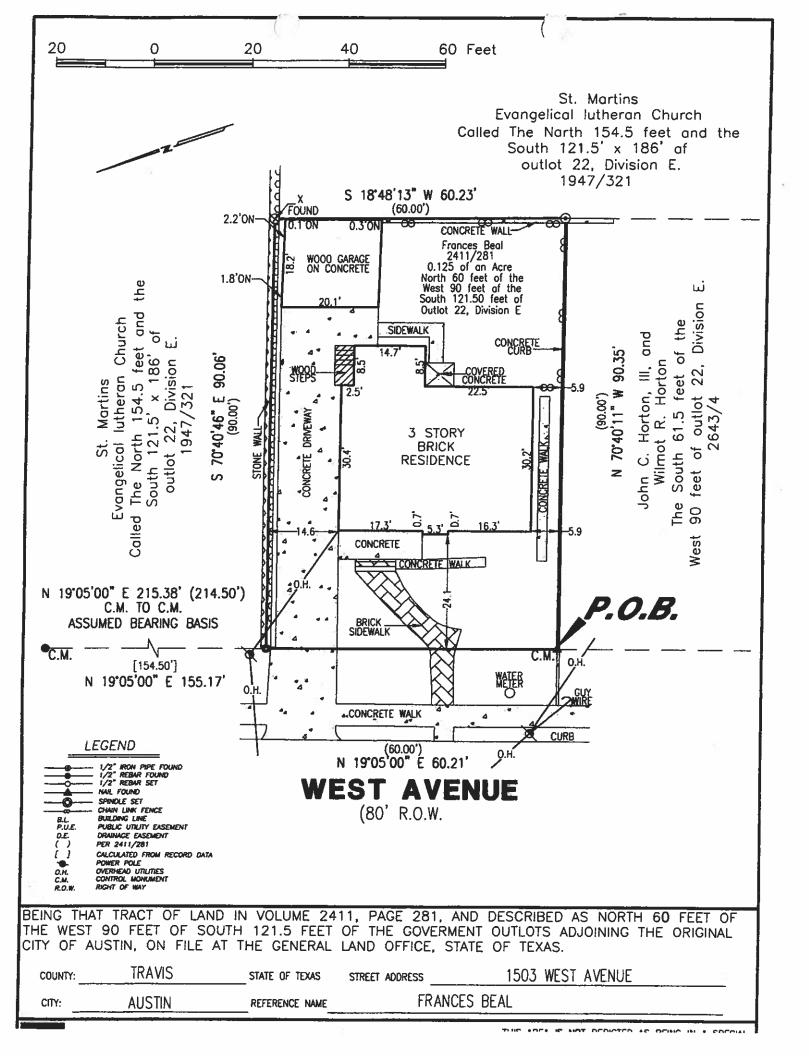
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GRID: J23

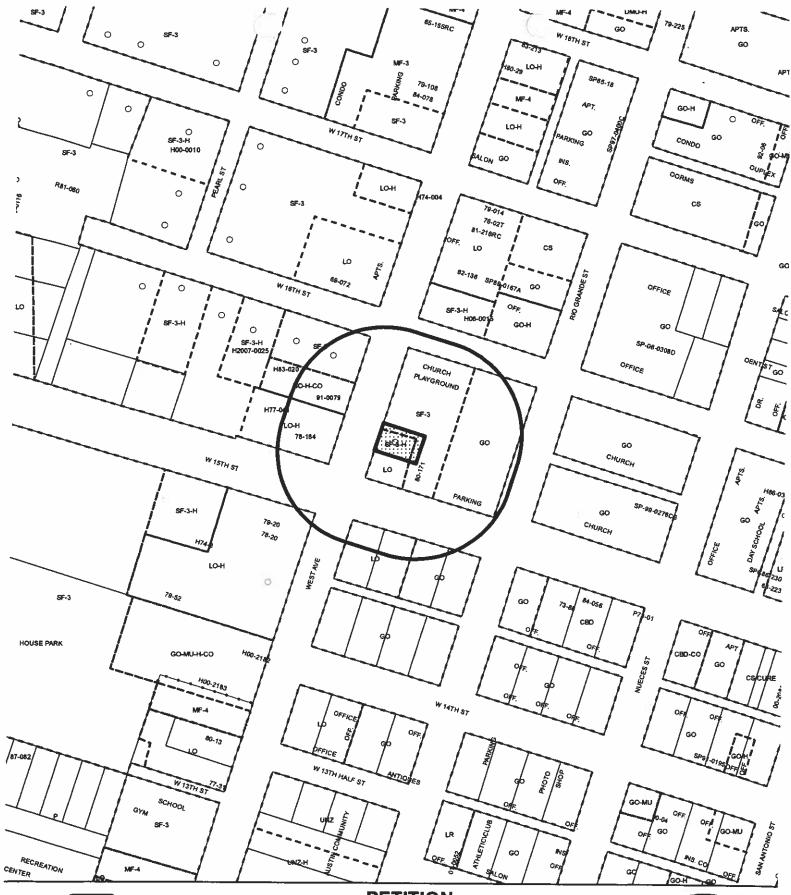
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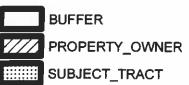


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Date: April 14, 2009

File Number: C14-2009-0030

Re: Petition to Oppose Re-Zoning of 1503 West Avenue from SF3-H to LO-MU-H

Dear Honorable Members of the Austin City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Staff,

We, the undersigned owners or renters of property affected by the requested zoning change described in the referenced file (1503 West Avenue), do hereby protest against any change of the Land Development Code which would zone this historical residential property to any classification other than SF-3-H.

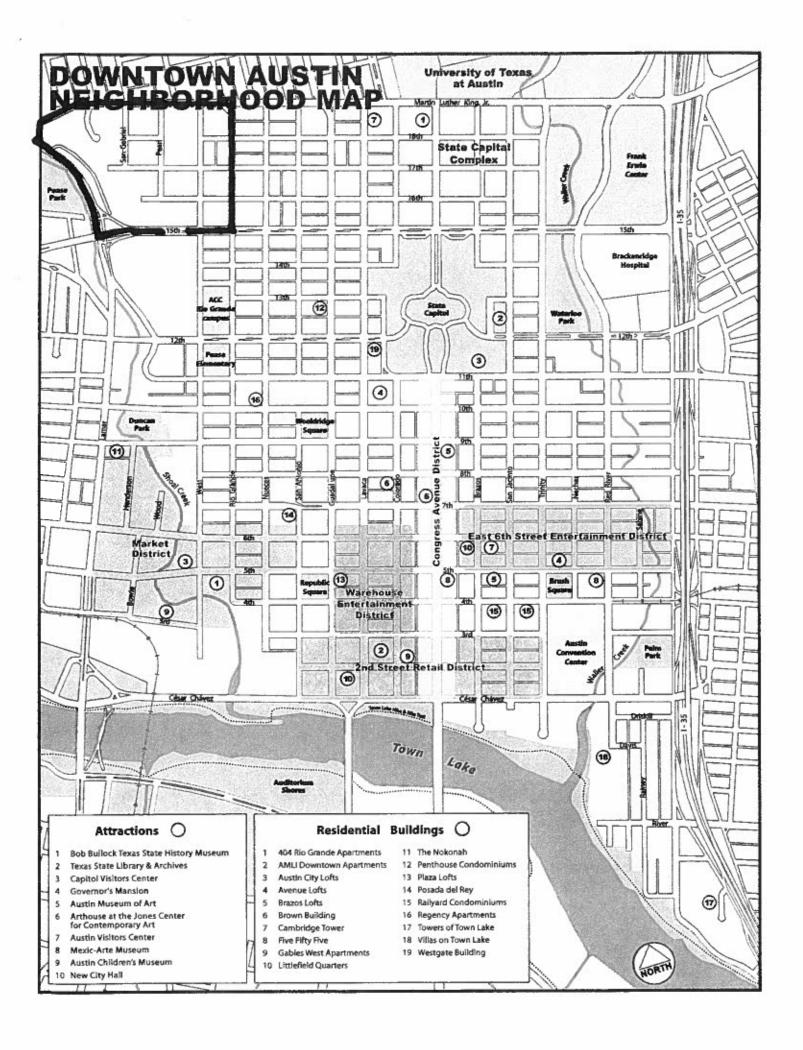
Judges Hill Neighborhood (JHN) is the last remaining single-family residential neighborhood in the City's "Downtown" neighborhood. (Reference the map (attachment A) of the last remaining single-family residences in this area). This area was largely developed in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The houses between MLK and 15th Street on West Avenue represent the eastern edge of this remaining historic neighborhood. There are 46 single-family houses in JHN, of which about 25 are historic (over 50 years old). The neighborhood's position is that this once large residential neighborhood covering Guadalupe to Lamar from MLK to 6th street has been reduced to such a small core that the City should not continue to grant zoning variances that would reduce it further.

The neighborhood respectfully requests that the City acknowledge that JHN needs a core area kept residential and that the houses on West Avenue from MLK to 15th Street are part of this core area. JHN also notes that by changing the zoning from SF-3 to commercial along West Avenue, the City would eliminate the buffer that protects the single-family residential core. JHN currently has a healthy balance of single-family residences, multi-family residences and commercial properties. Some of these commercial properties add greatly to the neighborhood by the preservation of older, and in some cases, officially designated historic, structures. The current density of multi-family residences is an accepted part of the diverse character of JHN. But the most vulnerable part of this mix are the single-family residential properties. They must all be respected as part of the core residential character of JHN, if the neighborhood is to survive in the long term. By eliminating the SF-3 homes on West Avenue in JHN, the city would be overlooking its own written guidelines to preserve "buffers" between neighborhoods.

The Home at 1503 West Avenue has insufficient parking to accommodate any commercial use. Unlike the commercial variances granted along West Avenue with large lots, this 1503 West Avenue property has a single narrow drive that cannot accommodate significant parking. The parking meters in front of this building are being considered for removal for bike lanes, which the neighborhood strongly supports. To convert this historic single-family residence to commercial zoning would greatly increase pressure on already overly congested street parking. The only other option is the paving of spaces in the front yard or demolition of the detached garage, both a violation of the historic restrictions on the property.

There are five (5) developed lots and two (2) undeveloped lots on the 1500 block of West Avenue, for a total of seven lots. In the past, the City granted variances from SF-3 to the two (2) houses on West Avenue that front 15th Street. There is one (1) house that was allowed commercial use, but only on the condition that the owner agreed to live in the home. The remaining four (4) lots are SF-3. This is a 71% residential block or a 57% residential block, depending on the math. Either way, this is a MAJORITY of the residential block. Respect for

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We respectfully request that the city give weight to the wishes of Judges Hill Neighborhood as a whole as well as those technically within the 500 foot radius around this family residence. Converting single-family residences into commercial properties in JHN does nothing to contribute to the quality of life in Austin, Texas. There is no current shortage of commercial space in downtown Austin whereas the downtown family residence is the endangered species of our City. JHN, because of its historic residential character, contributes towards a healthy balance in Austin's dynamic urban landscape and deserves to be respected.

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Re: petition 1503 action requested

April 12, 2009 11:35:55 AM CDT

Megan Meisenbach <MMEISENBACH@austin.rr.com>
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'JHNA Resolution

April 7, 2009

The Judge's Hill Neighborhood Association (JHNA), by mojority vote of a meeting held this 7th day of April, 2009 resolves to oppose the conversion of historic residences on West Avenue into commercial enterorises. West Avenue between MLK and 15th Street is a key part of this historic residential district of the Downtown Neighborhood, especially this historic Dozier-Beal house.

JHNA stands in strong support of the investment residents of JHNA have made in preserving historic residential homes in this last single family residential district of Downtown Austin. Commercial conversion of single family residence only serves to undermine our residential neighborhood. JHNA strongly opposes the zoning change application C14-2009-0030 for 1503 West Avenue seeking to change from SF3-H to LO-MU-H.

Acknowledged:

Ben Schotz, President

Mark Seeger & Jeff Harper

The Granger House - National and City Historic Landmark Property 805 W. 16th Street Austin, Texas 78701-1519

May 3, 2003

The Honorable Dave Sutlivan, Chair Planning Commission - City of Austin P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767

Re: Application for Re-zoning, Case # C14-2009-0030, 1503 West Avenue

Dear Planning Commission Chair,

We are writing you as residents that live within 200 feet of the site in question at 1503 West Avenue. We are writing to communicate our own personal objections and we understand that several neighborhood leaders will be speaking before City Planning Commission making similar formal objections to an application for a zoning change from SF-3-H to LO-MU-H on May 12th.

While we are not opposed to the further <u>residential development</u> of our neighborhood in keeping with the downtown density objectives of many city planners, this application requests an inappropriate commercial use (LO-MU) that threatens not only the integrity of this Landmark property (Beal House), but our own Landmark property (The Granger House), and that of our entire historic Judge's Hill Neighborhood (numerous landmark properties).

It is because of these and many similar arguments that the Historic Landmark Commission was unable to come to a decision on this application.

Likewise, we urge you and all City Planning Commission members to carefully consider this request, and take action to deny this application that will place our City, Neighborhoods and citizens at risk of losing a significant part of what makes Downtown Austin such a special place to live.

Sincerely.

Mark Seeger & Jelf Harper - Residents

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