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Public Hearing for Rezoning (Case No. C14-2010-0122)

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Thu, Aug 26, 2010 at 10:20 AM

To: Brendan Day <[REDACTED]>

Brendan,

The South Lamar Neighborhood Association has requested a postponement for this case. It will be rescheduled for the 23rd of September. I appreciate your comments and concerns and will include them in the staff report that is reviewed by the City Council.

Stephen

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From: Brendan Day <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 10:13 PM

To: Rye, Stephen

Subject: Public Hearing for Rezoning (Case No. C14-2010-0122)

Stephen,

It has come to my attention that tomorrow (Aug. 26th), there will be a public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of 2203-B South Lamar Blvd. from a CS zone (General Commercial Sales) to a CS-1 zone (Commercial-Liquor Sales). It is my understanding that the intended use of that rezoned land will be for a liquor store, or perhaps a bar.

I live at 2200 Iva Lane, which is immediately behind the section of land proposed for rezoning. As a general rule, I am not opposed to zoning changes or commercial progress in the community in which I live. In fact, when the notice came out regarding the original proposed CS zone several months ago, I intentionally chose not oppose it (despite some of my neighbors' differing views on that subject), because I welcomed the development, even though it was immediately behind my house. I am, however, strongly opposed to the proposed CS-1 rezoning.

While I have no issues with general commerce taking place behind my house, I am strongly opposed to having a liquor store or bar anywhere near — especially immediately behind — my house. It goes without saying that the safety and welfare of my family are my highest priorities. And I cannot welcome or support a liquor-selling establishment within mere feet of my bedroom and backyard, with all of the attendant — and well-known — safety issues (e.g., robbery, drunkenness, property damage) and nuisance issues (e.g., noise at very late hours). Moreover, I do not feel that such an establishment is in conformity with the current use of the land or the surrounding area. Although there are a couple of bars on the other side of Lamar, they are just that — on the other side of Lamar and not anywhere near my house. The immediate area surrounding 2203-B is commercial and residential. Liquor sales simply have no place there.

Given my proximity to 2203-B, I'm sure you will strongly consider my views on the proposed rezoning. Bottom line: I am opposed.

Thank you for your consideration of my views on this subject.

Best,
Brendan

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