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Late Backup

October 21, 201

Dear Commissioners and Other Interested Parties:

There are values of community and celebration that are part of the legacy properties of Austin, which are essential to the historic foundation of our City. These must be both maintained and utilized for the public. Through our sustained relationship with these sites, we have the sense of place, meaning, context, of our shared history, of a great City, which respects its roots. The Perry Mansion and Estate is an example of Austin's essence.

As a 5th generation Austinite, of seven generations living in Austin, I am keenly aware of both our City's history and of the dramatic changes that are occurring, impacting the fabric of our community.

My family moved from the UT area to twenty acres, in south Austin, in the early 1900's until the late 60's. First known as Cedar Ridge Farm, in the 1940's it became Green Pastures Restaurant and Catering Service. Here, our family lived "above the store", and we continue to welcome many people, over the decades, to celebrate the most important occasions in their lives. This includes engagement parties, showers, weddings, christenings, Sweet 16 and graduation luncheons, anniversary dinners, and wakes.

www.greenpasturesrestaurant.com

Also, I am part of the Norwood Park Foundation, <http://www.norwoodparkfoundation.org/> which is underway restoring the 1920's Bungalow home and estate grounds, on Riverside Drive and IH 35. The mission of the Norwood Park Foundation is to restore the Norwood House to its historic exterior appearance, rehabilitate the surrounding historic grounds and gardens, and repurpose the property to serve the people of Austin as a premier, nonprofit and self-sustaining rental venue and community meeting space.

The Perry Estate, was occupied, in 1928, by Edgar and Lutie Perry. Their elegant new home, immediately set a higher standard of gracious entertaining in Austin, www.commodoreperryestate.com. Clark Lyda has thoroughly renovated the mansion, chapel and other vintage buildings on the property, applying sustainability features and riparian restoration to Waller Creek, as well. This aligns with the designs for public and commercial use - in line with Green Pastures and Norwood Estate, contributing to both sustaining the history and while adding to the economy of Austin.

Indeed, Lyda's intentions can be roundly applauded for his thoughtful planning, to bring the estate to its optimum use, as a treasured event site, an exquisite small hotel and a discreet number of residences, which will nestle along Waller Creek. His application of quality sustainable green practices, alone, will make this an exemplary site for others to emulate.

This and other regulatory bodies are charged with attending to Austin's economic growth, historic preservation, and appropriate building for occupancy. In the work to date, and in the plans intended, the Perry Estate is premiere in each of these categories, and will be your legacy to the best Austin has to offer for decades to come.

With appreciation,

Martha Kooch Ward

Alum member of St. Mary's Academy

Airport Blvd. Advisory Group Appointee

ACC Highland Mall Community Advisory Committee

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PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

The proposed amendment will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: first, before the Planning Commission and then before the City Council. Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to attend a public hearing, you are not required to attend. However, if you do attend, you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed amendment. You may also contact a registered neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or may evaluate the City staff's recommendation and public input forwarding its own recommendation to the City Council. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

During its public hearing, the City Council may grant or deny a plan amendment request, or approve an alternative to the amendment requested.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department at the number shown on the first page. If you would like to express your support or opposition to this request, you may do so in several ways:

- by attending the Public Hearing and conveying your concerns at that meeting
- by submitting the Public Hearing Comment Form
- by writing to the city contact listed on the previous page

For additional information on Neighborhood Plans, visit the website:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/neighborhood-planning>.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT FORM

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If you use this form to comment, it may be submitted to:

City of Austin

Planning and Development Review Department

Maureen Meredith

512-974-2695

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

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If you do not use this form to submit your comments, you must include the name of the body conducting the public hearing, its scheduled date, the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice in your submission.

Case Number: NPA-2013-0019.01

Contact: Maureen Meredith

Public Hearing: Dec 12, 2013, City Council

☐ I am in favor
☒ I object

S. G. Jones

Your Name (please print)

**377 Race Court
Denver, CO 80206**

Your address(es) affected by this application

Signature

Date

Comments: