

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

To: Planning Commissioners

From: City of Austin Pedestrian Advisory Council

Re: Support for proposed changes to §25-2-513 of the Land Development Code

Via: Electronic mail

Dear Honorable Planning Commissioners,

The City of Austin Pedestrian Advisory Council met on September 14, 2015. At that meeting, the PAC received a presentation from Mr. Girard Kinney about restrictions on porches in residential side yards and how those restrictions differ from those in front yards.

At this meeting, the PAC voted to support Mr. Kinney's letter to the Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee of the Planning Commission (attached). That letter outlines proposed changes in language that would allow more porches to be built along street side yards on corner lots citywide.

Several PAC members noted during discussion how important porches are in bringing residents out of their homes and engaging with the street, emphasizing that porches are critical for the good pedestrianism that the PAC promotes and supports.

Thank you,

Heyden Black Walker

Chair, City of Austin Pedestrian Advisory Council

The Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) shall advise the City of Austin on pedestrian planning, policy, design, funding, education, and enforcement efforts regarding the creation, maintenance and operation of pedestrian facilities in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable circulation for both commuting and recreation within the City of Austin. The PAC's goal is to ensure sensitivity to pedestrian issues in the design and implementation of all public and private projects impacting pedestrians.