

June 19, 2018

Mayor Adler and City Council Members,

Planned Unit Development zoning is intended to preserve the natural environment, encourage high quality development and innovative design, and ensure adequate public facilities and services. PUD zoning is intended to produce developments that are superior to development under conventional zoning and subdivision regulations. PUD zoning is not intended to enhance existing entitlements or to avoid existing regulations. PUD zoning is best used to create large-scale mixed-use projects.

Imagine Austin says that the current code does not guarantee superior results and the public is often skeptical of these projects. The 2016 Special Request Report on Planned Unit Development (PUD) Application Process prepared by the City Auditor noted that there are no detailed procedures or measures to evaluate proposed PUDs.

The PUD requirements need to be addressed in the land development code. **Criteria for superiority should be based on measurable, objective criteria instead of subjective opinions so that everyone can understand what can be approved.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jolene Kiolbassa", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jolene Kiolbassa, Chair Zoning and Platting Commission