#### CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment Decision Sheet

#### DATE: Thursday, November 7, 2019

CASE NUMBER: C15-2019-0055

- \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_Brooke Bailey
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- \_\_\_\_Ada Corral
- \_\_\_\_Melissa Hawthorne
- Y\_\_\_\_William Hodge
- \_\_\_Y\_\_\_Don Leighton-Burwell
- \_\_\_\_Rahm McDaniel
- \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_Darryl Pruett
- \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_Veronica Rivera
- \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_Yasmine Smith
- \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_Michael Von Ohlen
- \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_Kelly Blume (Alternate)
- \_\_\_\_Y\_\_\_Martha Gonzalez (Alternate)
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**APPLICANT: David Cancialosi** 

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#### **FINDING:**

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#### BOA Case # C15-2019-0055 2803 EDGEWATER VARIANCE REVISION NOTES

#### **DELIVERABLES** : Included in this package and numbered accordingly

- 1. Revision Notes
- 2. Memorandum Letter
- 3. Revised Architecture Plans, Section, Trees, Rendering, and Calculations
- 4. Septic Design
- 5. Civil Drawings : stamped
- 6. Structural Letter regarding Pier&Beam Foundation
- 7. Adjacent Site Images
- 8. Survey: Tree and Topography
- 9. Neighbor Letters in support

#### HIGHLIGHTED NOTES: also included in drawings

- 1. Building Footprint of house has decreased from 2,233SF to 1,848 SF
- 2. Impervious cover at 25%-35% Zone has decreased : from 66% to 60%
- 3. Impervious cover Over 35% Zone has decreased : from 29% to 19%
  - a. **<u>Driveway</u>** exists in the over 35% zone which is allowed per code.
- 4. Structural Engineer has provided a letter indicating that Pier and Beam is not a viable solution for this project.
- 5. Soil Report indicates Bedrock below 24 inches.
- 6. Cut and Fill minimized and balanced per section : Retaining walls are limited to 4 feet per code
- 7. Foundation retaining walls are allowed to rise above 4 feet per code.
- 8. Surveyed Trees are indicated in plans: trees to remain and trees to be removed, all per code.
- 9. Civil Drawings are present indicating drainage strategy and zero impact to adjacent neighbors. Run-Off to the street is minimized to less than a water-sprinkler. Existing conditions have been improved with our drainage plan.
- 10. Civil The construction of a planned home on this lot was computed to increase the peak discharge to Edgewater by only 0.2 to 0. 3 cfs in the 500-year condition (3 to 5 percent, or arguably the equivalent of 3 or 4 lawn sprinkler zones going off at the same time).
- 11. Septic Design Drip Septic System is proposed by the Registered Septic Engineer, See Plans. Septic field is 2,000SF of space. Trees are Ok to remain, however canopy will need to be pruned so that sufficient sunlight is obtained.
- 12. The redesign meets the criteria of following "Area of Character" concerns.
- 13. Property Owners have spent over \$45,000.00 (not including architecture) in consultant fees in pursuit of gaining an impervious square footage variance. This is a financial hardship that should be recognized by the BOA.

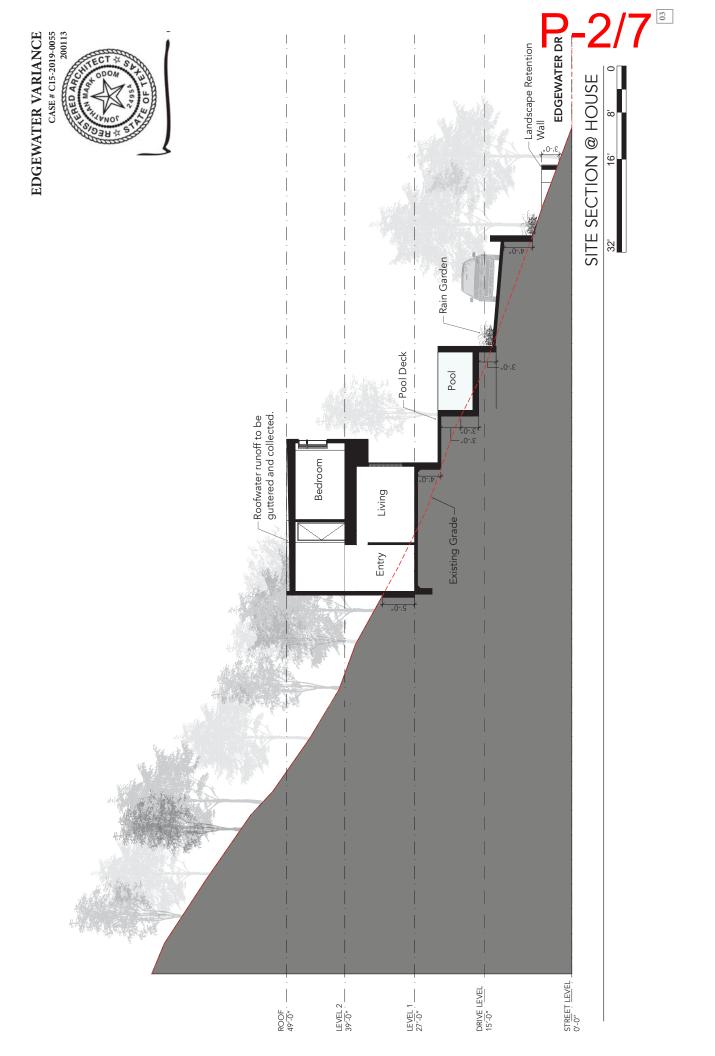
### MEMORANDUM

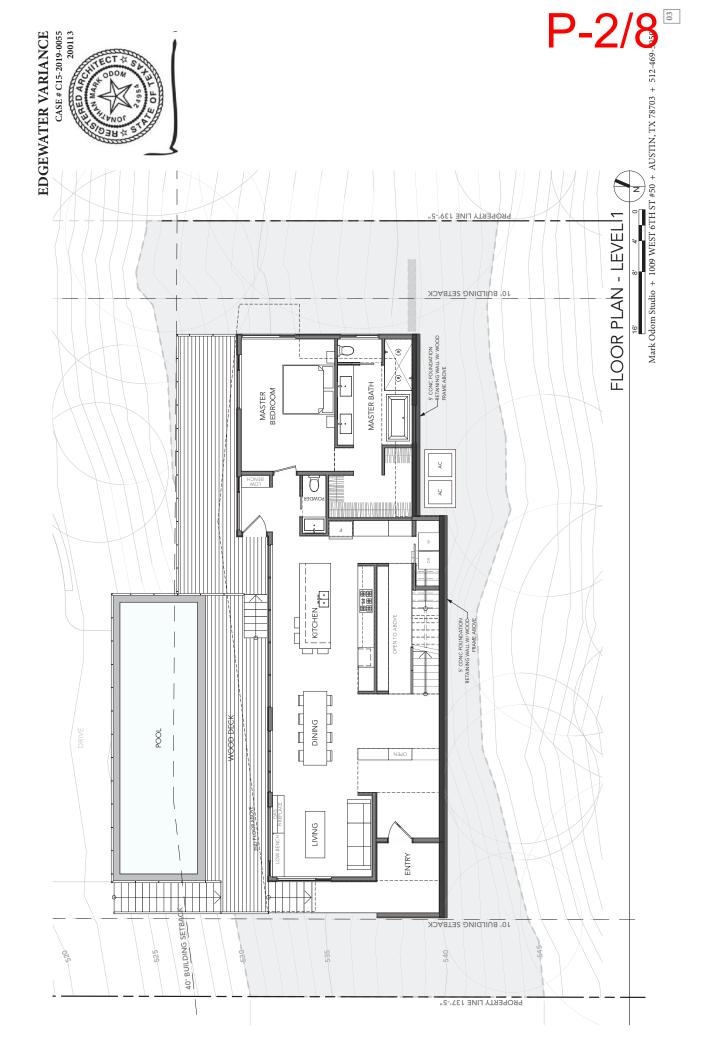
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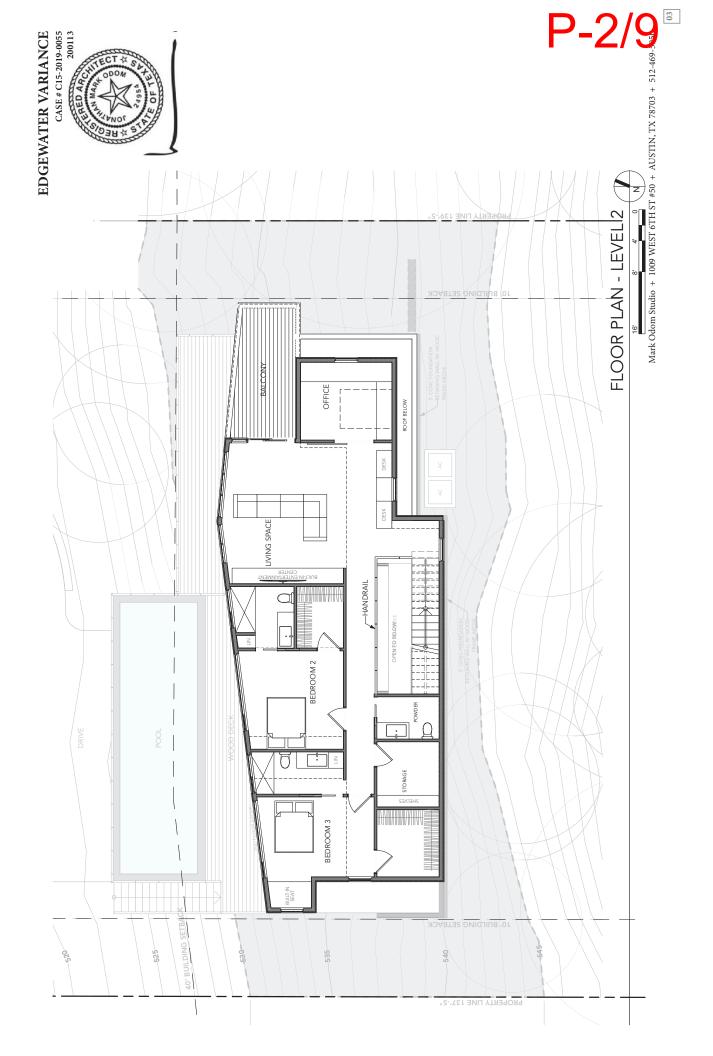
- Building permit filed with a Chapter 245 Vested Rights Determination in May, 2019; denied June, 2019.
- Appeal of 245 Determination was heard on July 2, 2019. City Attorney requested additional case law to demonstrate that the City had fair notice of the plat permit filed with the County on March 9, 1959 before the property was annexed into the City Limited Purpose Jurisdiction.
- Case law was provided to the City Attorney on July 17, 2019 along with evidence that Austin Energy was an approving utility agency in the plat project from the very beginning and gave the City fair notice of the Project.
- The 245 Appeal Determination has never been made. City Attorney suggested a variance be sought in order to avoid the need for a final Vested Rights Determination.
- In an effort to cooperate with the City and without waving any Vested Rights claim, this variance was filed in early September. We were not able to get on the Board of Adjustment Agenda until October.
- Board of Adjustment postponed the October Hearing and asked for civil and structural plans.
- Applicant provided civil and structural reports at the November meeting. Board of Adjustment postponed to January to ask about the septic design. Septic design is being presented during the January meeting.
- We are here to seek justice, not an exemption, from a zoning regulation that cannot be made to conform with the platted lot sizes.
- The recorded plat configured the subject property as a 14,000 square foot platted lot in 1959. LA Zoning requires a minimum lot size of 43,560 square feet and impervious calculations to be based on slope categories. The zoning applied to this legally platted subdivision was unreasonable from the very beginning because it immediately made all these lots legal non-conforming and unbuildable.
- If the Vested Rights are granted, no impervious cover limit and no net site area calculation will apply. We understand why City Legal would rather you grant a variance than to rule on the Vested Rights. We are only asking for up to 4,200 square feet of impervious cover which is just at or under 30%.
- We agree to lower the variance request from 5,369 square feet to 4,200 square feet. If the variance, as requested, is not granted we will insist on a Vested Rights Determination, which is indisputable.

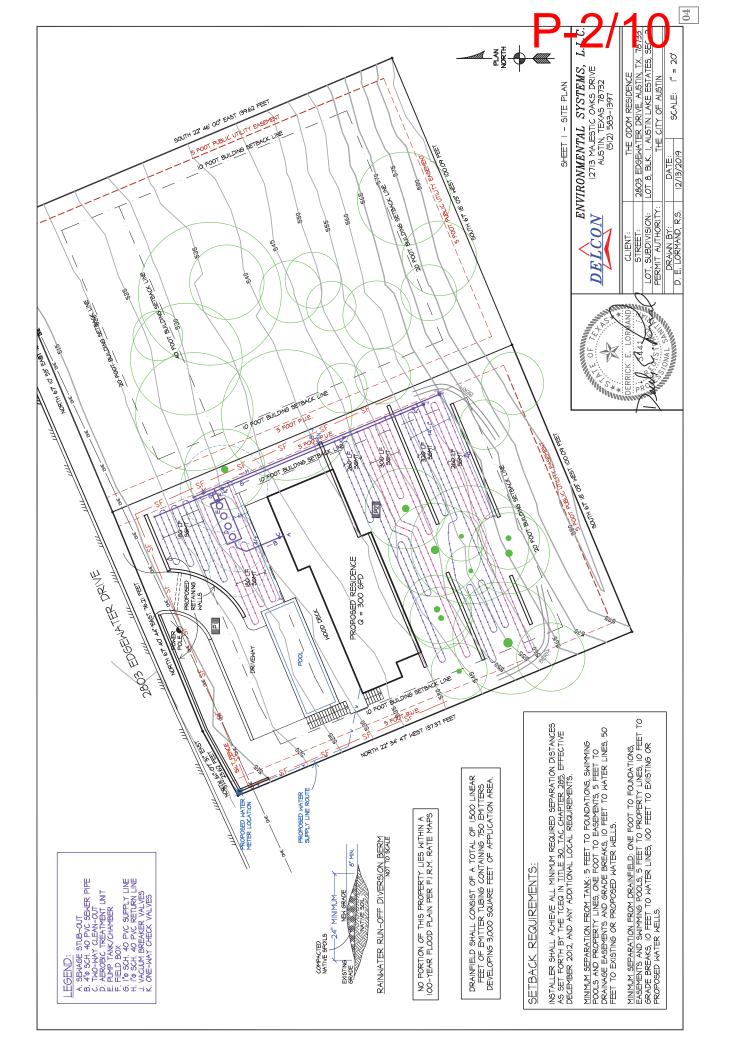


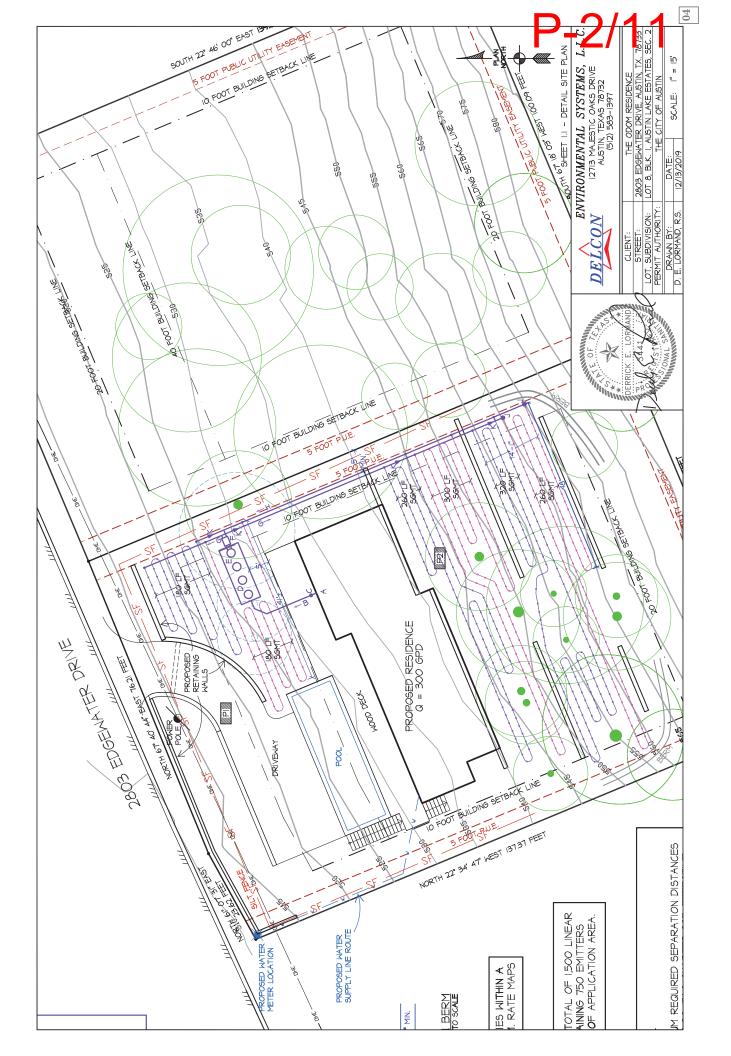
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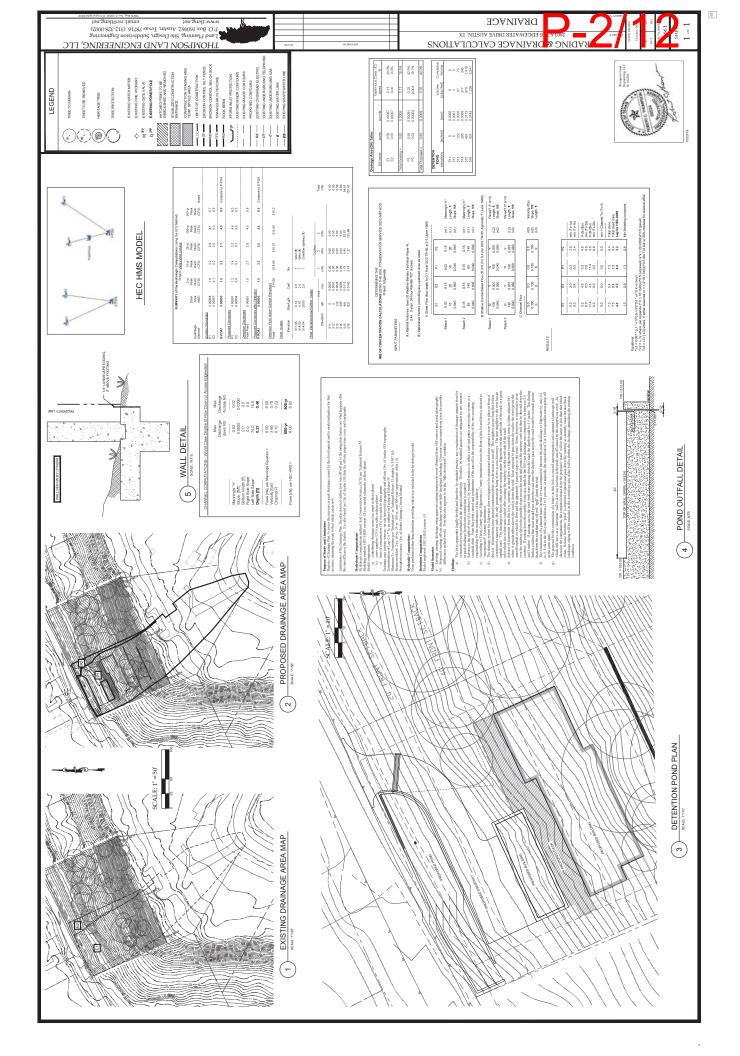
















October 21, 2019

Mark Odom Studio 1009 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, #50 Austin, Texas 78703

Subject: Preference for foundation type Odom Residence at 2803 Edgewater Drive, Austin, Texas Job Number: 19156

Dear Mr. Odom:

At your request, I reviewed the site plan to offer my preference on foundation type. The geotechnical report is not yet available, but assuming shallow bedrock and given the steep topography, I prefer a slab-on-ground foundation over a pier-and-beam for the following reasons.

- Surface drainage around the house wherever possible is better than directing the water under the house. Compared to pipes or culvert under the house, surface drainage around the house is more reliable and easier to maintain with less risk of impacting the structure.
- Backfill to achieve proper drainage is easier against a slab-on-ground grade beam. A pier-and-beam requires clearances for the crawlspace and vent openings that can create challenges for retaining the backfill on the uphill side.
- A pier-and-beam would require additional excavation to achieve the necessary clearances.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dennis Duffy, P.E.



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#### **2805 EDGEWATER**



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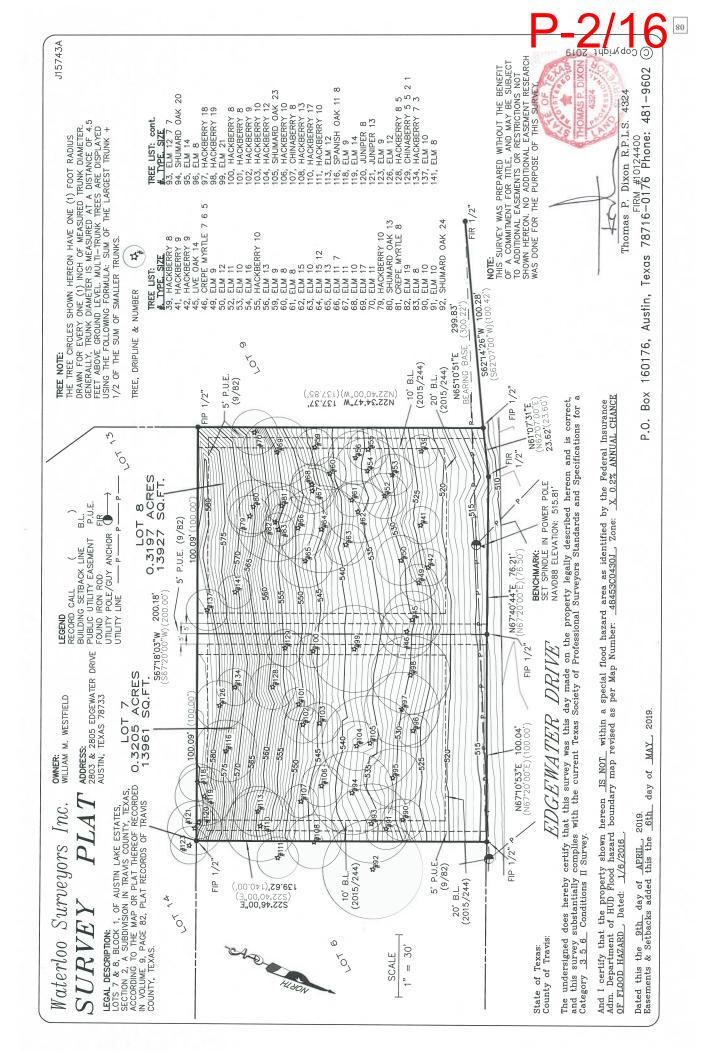
#### **2903 EDGEWATER**





#### **2901 EDGEWATER**





September 15, 2019

Dear Neighbor,

We are Mark and Holly Odom, new owners of Lot 8 with address 2803 Edgewater Drive in Lake Austin Estates neighborhood. We currently live at 2121 Saratoga Drive and have been residents in this neighborhood since 2011. We have also been active members of the Community Lake Park since 2011 and Mark has been a board member for the last two years. We have two children, ages 10 and 6.

It has been our dream to live closer to the lake and build a new house for our family. Mark is a licensed Architect and has a design firm, Mark Odom Studio.

We are writing to ask for your consideration and help as we are seeking a variance to the City of Austin Board of Adjustments regarding code <u>Section 25-2-551 LAKE AUSTIN</u> (LA) <u>DISTRICT</u>. The lots mentioned are currently unbuildable due City of Austin Zoning (LA) with its limitations of Impervious Square Footage (manmade surface that doesn't absorb water). Per zoning code, the lot currently allows for .014 % (196 sf) of impervious square footage and our variance request would allow between 38% & 43% impervious square feet total. Our goal is to build an estimated 2500-3000 sf house and use the rest for driveway, deck, walkway and pool. We could not build a larger house because there would not be enough impervious cover for critical items like walkways, deck etc. We have a track record of building site-specific and neighborhood considerate work (our renovation and addition of a studio above the garage at our current home is one example).

We are currently needing signatures by October 10, 2019 to make our appointment deadline. Our hearing with the City of Austin will be in October 2019 in front of the Board Of Adjustments.

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We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Mark and Holly Odom 2121 Saratoga Drive, Austin, TX 78733

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By signing this form, I understand that I am declaring my support for the variance being requested.

Property Owner Name	Address	Signature
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October 22, 2019

City of Austin City Board of Adjustments One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Austin, Texas 78704

#### RE: 2803 EDGEWATER DR. VARIANCE REQUEST - UPDATED

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board heard this case at it's October hearing. The applicant is requesting two impervious cover variances to allow the construction of a single-family residence and associated improvements. The lot is currently vacant and has very steep topography. It is zoned LA; however, it does not front onto Lake Austin and is well under the required size of one acre. The approximately 14,000 SF lot allows less than 200 SF of impervious coverage when the LA zoning regulations are calculated for the subject site. As mentioned before, strict application of the LA zoning regulations on this substandard lot results in a total taking of all permitted use and development of the property by the City of Austin. Such taking occurred when the LA zoning ordinance was placed on this property and when the requirements of that ordinance were used to deny a building permit to Mr. Odom. This Board is expressly tasked with the authority to grant variances when such strict application of the Code deprives the property owner of privileges that are enjoyed by another person who owns property in the area that is similarly situated with similarly timed original development.

At the October hearing we heard the Board's concerns. In November's back up packet please find attached to this cover letter an updated site plan, drainage letter from an engineer, and other documents related to the proposed construction.

The homeowner has also met with some neighbors to discuss the project. Their concerns are heard, too. The impervious coverage has been reduced as a result of those discussions. To that end we hope the discussions have abated their concerns to the degree possible given the unique size, topography, and zoning-based hardships specific to this lot.

If this variance is not granted the owner has no choice but to seek damages for the regulatory taking of all use of the property. The Board of Adjustment was created to prevent precisely this kind of unintended harm to property owners.

I look forward to discussing this case with the Board at its November hearing and look forward to a positive outcome regarding our request to construct the single family project.

Sincerely,

David C. Cancialosi, Agent for Owner

Cc: Mark Odom, property owner