

Rye, Stephen**Late Backup #116**

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Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 10:28 AM
To: Rye, Stephen
Cc: aliceglasco@mindspring.com
Subject: Concern over rezoning 2203 South Lamar CASE #C14-2010-0122

Dear Mr. Stephen Rye & to whom else it may concern,

I am writing to you one more time in opposition of the proposed zoning from CS -> CS-1 for 2203 South Lamar Boulevard. I understand that the hearing on this matter is on Thursday afternoon sometime around 2 o'clock pm on September 23rd. Unfortunately I can not get out of work at this time to come and speak against this matter, so I hope that you will consider this letter in my absence.

My concerns as a neighbor on Iva Lane is the increased traffic and the type of clientele that such a liquor store would bring to the area. I understand that you have recieved several letters from neighbors who live in this area opposed to this rezoning. Please understand, we are highly concerned for our neighborhood and we are the ones who live right there. Not miles away, not even blocks away, but right behind the proposed liquor store. Throughout all times of the day we have people walking with their children and dogs in our neighborhood. At night we enjoy a quite street, not one that is up partying until midnight or 2 am.

I understand in one of the letters you received Ms Alice Glasco and Mrs Nancy MacLaine mentioned that people coming out of a liquor store are no more likely to went through the neighborhood than someone coming from a hair salon. However this is completely not true. First, let me state the obvious, you and I both know that the type of people who frequent nail salons are quite different than those frequenting liquor stores. Secondly, we know that the crime rate associated with nail salons is completely different than that associated with liquor stores. Third, when was the last time you saw homeless people just hanging around a nail salon, which happens quite often around a liquor store. Just take a look at the one up the street from this proposed zoning.

This is so much more than just "increased traffic."

Also, for the record, I have lived at Iva Lane for over 3 years now. I have no idea what the SLNA is, nor have I ever received anything from them regarding this matter or any other matter regarding our neighborhood. I am not sure what neighborhoods they represent but please know that their "approval" of this matter surely does not reflect my opinion or that of several of my neighbors who live on Iva Lane.

I also understand that the property owner of this location has hired one of the best lobbyist in the area to defend him. However this is not about lobbyists, this isn't even a direct attack on the owner of 2203 south Lamar, Mr. Mike Martin, this is purely a concern about what we want for our neighborhood. How we as a community want to see (or in this case do not want to see) our neighborhood evolve.

Take a moment to think about this personally. I can imagine if someone wanted to put in a liquor store directly across from your house, you too might be opposed to it. You might be concerned for the increased amount of traffic on your streets. The streets where your kids play. You too might be concerned about the clientele that such a store tends to attract. Especially say, at night, when your kids

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are trying to sleep? Or when you are letting them play in the front yard? Or maybe you too would be concerned about what such a store would do to your property value. I can assure you that having a liquor store across from your house would not increase its property value, especially in a time when our housing markets are hurting so badly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope you understand that as a community we feel very strongly about our neighborhood and our community.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Rochelle Stortz