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To: CLMD Land Management
Subject: Objection to Samsung's request to vacate Samsung Blvd.

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To the City of Austin, Development Services Dept.

Attn: Mashell Smith, Stephanie Roy

I am a resident of 3000 Long Day Drive in the Pioneer East community. Our Management company, Goodwin Management just received a notice of vacation for sections of Samsung Blvd on December 8th, 2020 and dated December 3rd, 2020. I wanted to inquire about the filing to get further information and register my objections on behalf of myself, my family and the entire Pioneer East neighborhood.

I drive on Samsung Boulevard to Parmer Lane daily to access the business and services on Parmer Lane. My daughter's school district is Manor ISD, and Parmer Lane is our preferred road to access Manor, TX. The under-construction EastVillage development at Parmer Lane and Samsung will be virtually cut off from our use and enjoyment if Samsung Blvd is vacated.

I am aware that Samsung has purchased the property on the southeast side of Parmer and Samsung Blvd. When speaking to Michele Glaze, Community Liaison at Samsung, she indicated that Samsung was seeking to rezone the land to the east of Samsung Blvd for light industrial use, **but had no specific plans to build at this time**. We have enjoyed our partnership with Samsung for the past 15+ year and we have worked together to be good neighbors. This request to vacate the main thoroughfare out of our neighborhood is unacceptable at this time.

In looking at this notice of Street vacation, it looks like the main thoroughfare for access and egress to our neighborhood would be greatly affected with a huge negative impact. With recent growth in our neighborhood, we now support over 1100 homes in the subdivision,, which translates to approximately 5000 residents. Vacation of this exit point on Samsung Blvd to Parmer Lane would be a danger to our residents. The only exit point would be Samsung Blvd at Sprinkle Cutoff, which is a secondary road with no sidewalk, bike lanes or shoulder in certain sections that cannot support the traffic needs of a subdivision this large.

My question to the City Planning Commission and the City Council is specifically:

• How are residents of Pioneer East HOA expected to enter and exit their subdivision to access their homes?

• The only road that will be left to support our 1100+ homes would be Sprinkle Cutoff road, a narrow 1 lane (in some areas county maintained) road without any medians or road shoulders. At this point, Sprinkle Cutoff is not able to handle the existing traffic that runs through this area on a daily basis. There are often long lines of traffic trying to turn on Sprinkle Road from Sprinkle Cutoff.

• Has any traffic study been done on the traffic for Samsung Blvd?

• What is the plan for traffic trying to enter and exit to Parmer Lane?

• Would a more circuitous route be created, adding a longer commute time.

• How are the school bus routes to be affected with this change?

• How will emergency services access our subdivision and residents?

• Will response times for police, ambulance and fire departments be lengthened due to the closure of this road? All of these questions need to be adequately addressed and shared prior to vacating this street.

I appreciate an explanation from Stephanie Roy, from your department, regarding this Notice of Vacation. She explained there would be a further development of the Braker Lane extension and another road created further to the east to enter and exit our neighborhood. Without seeing any plans regarding any improvements in the area or any timelines of this proposed work, as a resident of Pioneer East HOA, I wholeheartedly disagree with and object this action, as it would be of detriment to every single member of our neighborhood.

I look forward to a response, and my wife and I will be joining the City Planning Commission meeting on January 22nd to voice our concerns.

Sincerely,

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