

June 8, 2022

Ms. Heather Chaffin
Senior Planner
Planning & Zoning Department
City of Austin

Dear Ms. Chaffin:

I am writing to express CapMetro's official objection to Case # C14-2021-0179, the proposed rezoning at the southwest corner of Pleasant Valley Drive and East 7th Street. This rezoning would allow a proposed liquor store to operate six days a week and be less than 300' from CapMetro's Child Care and Early Learning Center.

The Child Care and Learning Center serves CapMetro employees, contractor employees and community children between the ages of 6 months to 6 years. The center is operated by Bright Horizons Family Solutions and supports the standard of excellence established by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs.

While we are aware there was an added condition that Cocktail Lounge land use be prohibited, it does not address the fact that under Chapter 22 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, liquor stores are allowed to provide tastings during operating hours. These tastings can consist of up to 20 different distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, or spirit-based coolers, with no limit on how many tastings a person may have.

With our top priority being the safety of children, families, and staff, CapMetro asks you to reconsider approving this rezoning request.

Sincerely,



Dottie Watkins
Interim Chief Executive Officer