

This letter addresses my feelings and those of my family (seven additional members) and neighbors living in Pemberton Heights. I have spent seventy of my eighty years in Pemberton Heights and have witnessed first-hand the character of this very special neighborhood that developed before and during those seventy years.

The idea that the Austin City Council would throw out to our neighborhood a huge, poorly written manual of conflicting zoning changes affecting me and my neighbors is troubling indeed. We, the home owners, have been given a minute amount of time to digest these enormous changes before our rights to even rebut will be terminated.

The increased traffic over the last few years is obvious to all, and our narrow streets and small lots cannot begin to accommodate the cars and trucks that are parked on the street each day and night. In addition, just navigating our streets can be a challenge. The very idea that this is an area to take on increased density is enough to keep me and my neighbors awake at night.

We are an old neighborhood with established life patterns. Bicycling these streets is dangerous at this time, and more density would compound this problem. We are a neighborhood that would never, ever adjust to public transportation. If nothing else, our summer heat precludes many outside activities during the warmest part of the days in the hot months. Bus service has never been very successful here.

I am very sad that the Austin City Council thinks it has the right to step into neighborhoods and level some of the most ridiculous zoning changes. This will give Austin an entirely different reputation than the one it has enjoyed, and our City Council members will face terrific difficulties when re-election time rolls around.

It is my hope that more consideration will be given to this incredibly radical and absurd plan, and that other measures will be used to find the additional housing that you seek.

Sincerely,

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