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PROPOSED DRAFT of letter to Council Regarding Conditions for Citizen Input at Zoning Public Hearings

To All Council Members and the Mayor,

The South River City Citizens Neighborhood Association, in support of the Dawson Neighborhood Association and other central city neighborhoods that have struggled to make their voices heard during the pandemic, requests that the City of Austin

refrain from further zoning amendments on residential properties until meetings and public hearings can be conducted so that citizens are able to exercise their right to clearly and meaningfully express their concerns to governing bodies.

We understand the need to adapt to virtual meetings, but the changes should not sacrifice the opportunities for citizens to communicate concerns in a cohesive order so that council hears the various points of view at relatively the same time during a meeting.

We further request that the City of Austin delay actionson zoning changes from single family (SF-2 or SF-3) residences to more intense uses, especially in neighborhoods in the central city, until the COVID-related restrictions on “in person” meetings are ended or until the virtual meeting formats are corrected so that citizen input is not compromised.