

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The City of Austin has proposed revising Austin's zoning ordinances under CodeNext; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of city government in a democratic society to be responsive to the wishes of its citizens; and

WHEREAS zoning is meant to provide for orderly, stable development of cities; and

WHEREAS Mayor Adler has stated that he will not force density on established neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS the proposed zoning changes under CodeNext would adversely affect the following elements of the Hancock Neighborhood. It would:

1. Destroy the character of our established neighborhood that is already densely populated and has multiple varieties of so-called missing middle housing.
2. Create uncertainty whenever any property is sold as to how densely the lot would be developed with few neighborhood rights to protest administrative applications.
3. Result in the destruction of established neighborhood tree canopy.
4. Ignore parking needs by cutting in half the current rules for onsite parking, making our streets parking lots unsafe for pedestrians.
5. Result in the demolition of our most affordable housing.
6. Overburden the aging sewer and water system and lessen the quality of our fire protection.
7. Threaten increased flooding in a neighborhood that has already experienced flooding after heavy rains.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION THAT:

Our Association opposes CodeNext as it relates to the further densification of our neighborhood that is made up primarily of historic houses and is already one of the densest neighborhoods in the City. We want the city to create a zoning system that allows for the preservation of our neighborhood architecture and neighborhood character. We ask the City to commit to preserving our historic neighborhood so that it is not used for wholesale development by investors whose sole objective is profit and not quality and character of neighborhood life.