



February 18, 2004

Honorable Will Wynn  
Mayor, City of Austin

Dear Mr. Mayor,

It is with interest that I read the American Statesman article on February 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed development at the Southwest corner of MoPac and William Cannon Boulevard (Costco gains neighborhood support). The article goes into detail explaining an agreement reached by the developer's representatives, and one of the nearby property owners associations.

Most of us that live in the area echo the frustrations that Mr. Henry (President of the Western Oaks Property Owners Association) espouses regarding lack of "good restaurants" and other shopping venues. Development of the proposed types of stores, restaurants, and shops has been slow in the Oak Hill area.

It should be noted however, that the Western Oaks Property Owners Association represents only a portion of the citizens that will potentially use this development and be forced to deal with the problems that always follow these types of projects. Indeed, there is a majority of the citizenry that have not even been contacted by the development team to discuss any issues that may be of concern. The agreement in place may very well deal with a host of issues, but everyone that the project affects should be afforded an equal opportunity to voice their concerns in order to make the project the best it can be for everyone in the area.

You were quoted in the article as saying "...it will come down to what the neighbors want...". I applaud that thinking Mr. Mayor. Let's just make sure that we talk to ALL of the neighbors.

Of additional concern is the required ordinance change to allow the developer to build an anchor store in excess of the allowed square footage. Given the recently passed "Big Box ban", we would like you or a representative from your office to address the OHAN membership on the compromises made by the developer and why granting a waiver from the recently enacted ordinance is warranted.

We look forward to your earliest reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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