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## Startling News

Step outside your front door and look to the right, the left, and across the street. What do you see – kids playing in their front yards, people walking their dogs, and so many beautiful trees.



Now imagine it this way – no front yards, six or more duplexes, or 2 or 3-story townhomes on subdivided lots with cars lining the street. It is a real possibility not only for us but for most neighborhoods across the city.

Our HOA attorney reviewed the purple postcard notifications we received this week and reported the language in this proposed change to the land development code may pose difficulties for established HOAs like ours. We will share more info as it unfolds.

If this news concerns you, your neighbors, or friends around the city read on.

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## Resolution 126

July 2023 we watched the City Council pass a resolution proposing serious changes to the Austin Land Development code based on council woman Leslie Poole's HOME ideas. Her idea is that by building more affordable homes, such as townhouses and duplexes, the middle-income people will find places to live. Residents have noted many unintended consequences to this plan, but there are no answers from the City Council.

The City's website summarizes the main points. The zoning designations will not change, but what is allowed in them will. What had been single-family can be duplexes and more in Phase 1. Lots can be resubdivided into 2,500 SF lots in Phase 2.

## Speak Out

This Thursday beginning at 2 PM, citizens will have an opportunity to speak about this resolution and the actual effects in their neighborhoods.

It is very important that many people attend and speak. It is only 2 minutes, and you can do it. The most effective speakers will be the younger members of our neighborhood. More information is in the link below.

Forward this message to anyone your think will be interested.

And remember the words of Yoda - Do or Do not. There is no try.

## Filing Petitions

The City site gives specific information on filing petitions to protest any zoning or development changes on your property. First - no electronic filing, and second - they strongly advise against third-party filing as many of us did through Community not Commodity.

All petitions must be delivered in person or by mail. The link takes you to a PDF document that explains how to file, as well as the petition to use. You can either fill out the the info online, print, and sign - or - print the petition and fill it all by hand. Tip - print pages 4 and 5 for the petition. Go ahead with this method even if you filed online.

Given that mailing may be difficult, four neighbors have volunteered to accept your petitions in boxes on their front porches and deliver them to the City office.

Kay Wolking-Bratton 11307 Pencewood

Suzie LaPlant - 9420 Spring Hollow

Linda Strickland - 9607 Vista View

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Follow the link for more info.

[COA - Petition](#)

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