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Subject: Code Next

Code Next has not been available to citizens for study and comment long enough. It is hugely complicated to understand, a process made more difficult by the unwieldy and changing information on the website.

More time needs to be allowed for input from residents in affected areas. Not enough consideration has been given to transportation, parking, schools, environmental impact (which will include more flooding, temperature increases from additional concreting of green spaces, and displacement of species), and more.

In short, there seems to be an effort to push this radical zoning change through before Austinites know enough about it to comment on it. All council members, zoning, and planning staff members need to address the public about the need for speed on this. The process will impact our city for generations, so slow it down, provide adequate easily understood information, and seek input from citizens in areas not only to be impacted immediately, but long range, for this code will eventually touch every resident in every council district.

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