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Mr. Greg Guernsey
Director Planning and Development Review
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Re: Allandale Neighborhood Association's Recommended Changes to CodeNext Version 3

The Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) Executive Committee has now reviewed and provided comments on three versions of CodeNext. We have previously provided recommendations to the Planning Department on April 13 and October 31, 2017. After studying the third version of CodeNext, it is clear that the Planning Department and its CodeNext consultants—once again—ignored most of the ANA recommendations. We urge you to strongly consider the ANA recommendations in response to the third version of CodeNext, detailed in the attached document.

It should be noted that these comments and recommendations do not address the 410-page addendum to CodeNEXT version 3, released on April 20, 2018. Frankly, we find such an extensive revision—released one week before public comment hearings—to be unacceptable and irresponsible. Volunteer neighborhood associations such as ours do not have high-paid professional staff and lobbyists to constantly review the ever-changing, moving target that is CodeNEXT.

I am sad to say that the way in which CodeNEXT has been developed has made me much more distrustful of Austin's city government. I get the distinct impression that city staff and many elected officials have made up their minds as to what is best for all of us and they don't really care what residents think about CodeNEXT. Unfortunately, I feel like this whole process is a sham that has needlessly sucked hundreds of hours from the lives of my neighbors and me.

We are not happy.

Sincerely,

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