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RE: SRCC opposition to rezoning 218 S. Lamar from CS-V to PUD, case C814-2018-0121

Dear Mayor Adler and Councilmembers,

On June 16, 2020 the general membership of the South River City Citizens (SRCC) neighborhood association voted unanimously to oppose the rezoning of 218 S. Lamar Boulevard from CS-V to PUD and the proposed development of a 96-foot tall glass office building at that site. Our opposition stems from the following main issues:

- SRCC supports the Waterfront Overlay ordinance. This project does not meet the standards and requirements set by that ordinance, which is intended to preserve the views and public use of land along the river.
- The project does not meet the basic standard set by the PUD ordinance, that the property in question is greater than 10 acres in size, unless it is characterized by special circumstances. In this case, the only special circumstance cited is the Waterfront Overlay ordinance itself. Granting PUD zoning for this reason would set a bad precedent and greatly diminish the protections of the Waterfront Overlay in its entirety.
- The project is inappropriate for the site both aesthetically and in terms of its practical impacts on traffic as well as pedestrian use of the area as envisioned in the Town Lake Corridor Study.

Sincerely,

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