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Good Afternoon Syed

First, thank you. For all the hours you will spend working to make our east side and our city one of the most special places in the world to live. We've met while you were campaigning, you met our puppy Ada. In the brief time you've served as alder person we are delighted to learn you've displayed the exact characteristics that persuaded us to vote for you. A commitment to your community, hard work and the desire to coax all of our discouraged neighbors into having their voices heard and their concerns addressed.

Secondly, I will not be attending this evening's approval meeting. Please note, this is not because I approve of the alterations to the plan. The changes are the exact minimum changes I excepted. As I said, before the board previously; I believe this is an ill-conceived, generic, poorly thought out plan and seemingly no one has had serious thoughts about the consequences of one of the largest establishments in both the Emerson East and Eken Park neighborhoods being further developed as a destination bar. I will not be attending because I have nothing but horrible things to say about the process, the PR stunt masquerading as a neighborhood meeting and cheap materials they plan to plaster over their property for a quick cash flow increase and a major property value increase.

I; personally would love to see the establishment be presentable and follow city codes. If they are respectful of the neighbors and neighborhood, I don't care how large or busy they are. However, I don't understand why the neighborhood should be leveraged into rushing a plan through the planning stages because the property has been poorly maintained. I understand that if this is the standard operating practice, it is no wonder our city continues to struggle with the problems we all find most painful. As I've seen it, we allow developers to plan our cities in the areas that need our compassionate attention the most and as a consequence institutional privilege runs amok.

Lastly, again I appreciate your hard work and commitment to our growing city. This one issue will not dissuade our support of you, regardless.

The one positive thing I could say is if they want to create an indoor/outdoor space; a stone wall similar to one in front of Hotel Indigo or in Robinia Courtyard would have been nice given the establishment's proximity to homes in the small neighborhood. I understand that doesn't vibe with their cheap house motif though.

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