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Sue Welch
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Dear Ms. Welch:

Regarding SPC-2007-0537C: Please include the following letter in the background material for the Planning Commission for the May 13 hearing on the conditional use permit for The Domain Phase II.

The League of Bicycling Voters is an interested party in the case because we want to ensure that bicycle facilities, access and safety are properly addressed before a conditional use permit is recommended or granted.

We are encouraged that city staff has asked for a bicycle lane on the extension of Kramer Lane that would connect Burnet Road to MoPac through the development. We believe that a bicycle lane would provide safe access to and through the development, serve to connect possible rail stations, and will also give bicycle transportation the added benefit of safely bypassing congestion. We are discouraged to hear that staff has allowed a reduction (by half) in the required bicycling parking.

We will be in opposition to the permit unless the bicycle lane (or another substantial dedicated bicycle facility) is added and the parking issues are addressed.

However, we have been in contact with the developers and their local representation to discuss the bicycle lane and bicycle parking, and they noted that engineers are currently working to see how the bike lane would be designed. Our scheduled briefing on the issues with them is not until Thursday, May 8, with a possible follow-up meeting on Monday, May 12. So I encourage you to contact with me on any questions regarding our ongoing discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob D'Amico".

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