



October 11, 2006

Mr. Robert Heil , Case Manager
City of Austin NPZD
505 Barton Springs Road, 5th Floor
Austin, Texas 78704

Re: C14-06-0195 – The Pointe at Gaines Ranch Shopping Center

Dear Mr. Heil:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods (OHAN). OHAN is an association of 22 neighborhood associations founded in 1984, in part to provide community input to the Oak Hill Study then being created by the City of Austin as part of the Austin Plan. OHAN is a voluntary group of people, from the Oak Hill and surrounding area, who meet monthly to review proposed changes to our community and offer input.

OHAN is currently participating in the City's neighborhood planning process via the pending Oak Hill Combined Neighborhood Planning Area. The proposed rezoning is located in an existing shopping center within the boundaries of the East Oak Hill planning area. We understand the purpose of the proposed rezoning to CS-1 is to allow for a new tenant (Spec's Wine, Spirits and Fine Foods) to provide a retail market specializing in beer, liquor and fine gourmet foods and wines, to occupy an existing vacant big box (former Academy's location). The preliminary Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for this area indicates mixed-use, which allows for this proposed use.

OHAN welcomes new businesses to the area and is in support of the proposed rezoning change from CS to CS-1 at this location.

Sincerely,

President