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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: Proposed Amendment to Restrictive Covenant / Zoning Case
3600 IH-35 South, Austin, Travis County, Texas

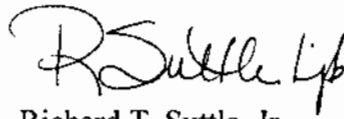
Dear Property Owner:

I represent and I am writing to you on behalf of The Home Depot ("Home Depot"). Home Depot operates in many jurisdictions under retail zoning classification, but in Austin the use classification is construction sales and services. In order for Home Depot to locate a new facility at 3600 IH-35 South, the property must be rezoned from "GR" - Community Commercial District to "CS" - General Commercial Services District. In addition to the rezoning, a restrictive covenant on the property must be amended to allow a Home Depot type use. Home Depot recently filed a rezoning request along with a request to amend the restrictive covenant to allow its facility to be located at 3600 IH-35 South.

According to the Travis County Tax Appraisal District, you own property within the Sherwood Oaks Subdivision and are entitled to notice of the filing of the request to amend the restrictive covenant. This notice is sent to fulfill that obligation and to begin the process of organizing a meeting where you and your neighbors can meet with representatives of Home Depot to discuss the proposal. The zoning case and restrictive covenant amendment were filed on Monday and you may receive additional notice from the City of Austin, Dept. of Inspection and Review. Home Depot is anxious to meet with your neighborhood group and hopes that you will respond to this letter by contacting my assistant, Jody Bickel, at (512) 435-2362 to let her know of your interest in attending such a meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or e-mail (both shown above on letterhead).

Thank you in advance for your attention and I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Suttle, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Richard T. Suttle, Jr.

cc: Ms. Alice Glasco, Director
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Ms. Debra Thompson, Altman, Kritzer & Levick, PC
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