

Dear Neighbor,

As your elected officials for the State of Texas, the concerns of your neighborhood are paramount to how we legislate in Austin. We believe the planned twenty-three story high-rise development at 1717 Bissonnet, a two lane street, would impair traffic mobility and create a safety hazard to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Accordingly, we urge Houston City Council Members and Mayor Bill White to do everything within their power to stop this development. Recent statements by Mayor White and various City Council Members are encouraging and the neighborhood has launched an aggressive campaign to persuade the developers to re-think their plans.

In his September 26th letter, Mayor White states "I believe that the proposed development of a 23-story mixed use development with over 450 parking spaces, on the site of the Maryland Manor apartments, will impair mobility on Bissonnet, a two-lane street." We stand in full agreement with this statement and urge Council to take action on these restrictions.

More encouraging, the Mayor states, "In the meantime, I will be prepared to use any appropriate power under law to alter the proposed project as currently planned."

We fully support the Mayor in his efforts to stop this development and hope that by standing together with our local elected officials we strengthen our unified voice of opposition. Our offices will continue to work on behalf of our constituents by protecting their quality of life and support those city officials standing with us.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Rodney Ellis in black ink.

Rodney Ellis
State Senator, District 13

Handwritten signature of Ellen Cohen in blue ink.

Ellen Cohen
State Representative, District 134