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RE: CodeNEXT timeline

Dear Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, and Councilmembers:

On October 2, the members of the South River City Citizens Neighborhood Association voted unanimously to request that the timeline for CodeNEXT be extended in order to allow for more consideration of all the myriad issues related to a code re-write and all of the errors, omissions, and contradictions that appear in the second draft. We request an extension for review of Draft 2 and more time for Draft 3 review and public input. Specifically we request that the overall schedule be extended by at least 6 months in order to have time for adequate feedback, answering of questions, and revisions.

The city council, the Planning Commission, and the Zoning and Platting Commission have all voiced concerns, rightly so, that Draft 2 is still very much in need of deep revision, and have indicated that they have many unmet requests and unanswered questions. Before the land use commissions can effectively comment on the new draft, they must have a redlined version, interactive maps, answers to all their questions, and an updated report from the CAG. We also need more time for mapping of flooding in the city so that can be taken into account. It is up to the council to demand that staff provide the needed answers, and things cannot proceed until they do.

This process is too important to rush and I think most members of council and the land use commissions are in agreement that it is still far away from where we need to be. As our city council, you have the power to slow this process down. Please prioritize quality over quickness. We only have one chance to get this right.

Sincerely,

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cc: Greg Guernsey, Planning Commission, Zoning and Platting Commission, Austin Neighborhoods Council