



July 6, 2018

RE: Pathways at Chalmers Courts East

To Whom It May Concern,

During the June 20th, 2018 meeting of the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (ECC NPCT), the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) presented the preservation aspects of the Chalmers Courts redevelopment plan. The Chalmers Courts property is that area bounded by 4th street, 3rd street, Comal Street and Chicon Street. Chalmers Courts was built for the benefit of low-income people as a means of providing safe and decent housing for individuals and families. Since 1940 this part of our neighborhood has been devoted to helping families and this redevelopment will ensure that it continues to do so for many more years.

The ECC NPCT has passed a motion of support of their plan to rehabilitate two buildings at Chalmers East. They have struck a fair balance between redeveloping and increasing the availability of affordable housing while rehabilitating two buildings of the existing development to be used as community space and as a tribute to the history of Chalmers Courts.

The ECC NPCT has already registered a letter with TDHCA in full support of this project and given me the privilege of signing this letter, and I do so with great hope for the future of Chalmers Courts and the people they serve.

Sincerely,

Susan Benz, Chair

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team