

March 4, 2022

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

You probably have received a recent, anonymous letter encouraging you to sign a petition to expand the Lakewood Conservation District #2. **I strongly urge you NOT to sign the petition when it is presented to you or your spouse. It will be the last time you get to “vote” on this process.**

My wife, Marian and I have lived in Lakewood since 1978 and lived on Tokalon since 1982 and raised two great kids going through Lakewood/Long/Woodrow. They are both parents now, still living in East Dallas.

I represented **Lakewood** on the **Dallas Plan Commission** for 6 years (92-98') and am very familiar with the process for creating, amending or abolishing zoning categories. I also served as the chair of the **Board of Adjustment** for 7 years (05-12'), under three different mayors, **and saw first-hand the horror of homeowners trying to deal with the deadly dual bureaucracies of Planning & Urban Design (zoning) and Development Services (Building Inspection).**

**Please consider 3 actions before signing any petition:**

1. **Read the provisions of Lakewood Conservation District #2** and see how many parts of your home and yard will be affected in a future remodel or sale to someone who will want a major redo. **And how will the ordinance deal with your detached garage or quarters?** Also bear in mind the city can amend the ordinance in any manor they choose to.

**<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/sustainabledevelopment/historicpreservation/DCH%20documents/pdf/20009.pdf>**

2. **Visit with friends or neighbors** who now live in the Lakewood Conservation District #2, The Hollywood/Santa Monica Conservation District #6 and three CD's in the M Streets, M Streets #9, M Streets #11 and Vickery Park #11. **See what their feelings are about remodeling their homes inside a Conservation District.** Read the different zoning ordinances in these neighborhoods and see what you may have in store for you. **<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/pnv/Pages/Con-Ordinances.aspx>**

3. **Visit with your neighborhood real estate brokers** and see if they believe being in a Conservation District will enhance your property value or ease of future sale. **Ask if they would want to live in Lakewood CD #2.**

**If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, I am available by phone, email or to meet in person or in a group.**

Sincerely,

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