From: Sheila Seitz

To: Commissioner Ryan Office; Commissioner Hardesty; Commissioner Mapps; Commissioner Rubio; Council Clerk —

**Testimony** 

**Subject:** Please don"t destoy our beautiful and historic Southwest Park Blocks

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I have lived near the Southwest Park Blocks for many years and have enjoyed it's beautiful Elm trees as well as chatting with visitors from around the world who love the park. All speak about the beauty of the tall trees and the calmness of the park. They want to know the age and history of the park and its trees and share their jealousy of our having such a beautiful calm place to enjoy so near to noisy downtown. The park is especially important to those who live nearby and who because of age or health problems are unable to go too far from home. Our many nearby assisted living tenants who live in small and often noisy apartments find calmness and beauty in the park as well as a place to share with friends and family.

The changes being proposed for the South Park Blocks would be harmful for all neighbors but especially for the many neighbors who relay on having a beautiful, cool and lovely park nearby. Adding information about the Native Americans who historically lived in the area would be interesting and can easily be done without cutting down most of the Elms. Please don't destroy our park!!!!!

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