

May 21, 2007

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Honorable Mayor Wynn and Council Members,

Last week during Citizen Communication, our attorney, Brad Rockwell, presented you with a memo. The information in the memo clearly shows that the City Council has the ability to influence the outcome at Northcross Mall.

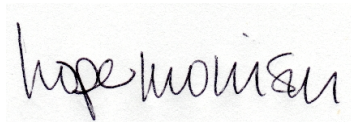
You have told us for months that there is no action you can legally take regarding the Northcross matter. We now know that you do, in fact, have both the legal authority as well as the obligation to take action in this situation due to the traffic impact as well as the resulting endangerment of public safety.

You have expressed fear of being sued individually by Lincoln or Wal-Mart should you act, citing City legal staff's opinion that the City would not be able to defend you in such a suit. We now know that this advice is flat-out wrong.

Accordingly, we ask once again that you place this matter on the agenda and vote to deny the second site plan. We also ask for a response to Mr. Rockwell's memo from the City Council, and that review of the site plan be put on hold until you provide a response.

If, after have been presented with clear evidence of your authority to legally act in this matter, you still do nothing, it will be apparent to many thousands of voters in the Northcross area and throughout Austin that you simply choose to stand with Wal-Mart and the developer rather with the neighborhoods. As the late Molly Ivins might have noted, you still have a chance to "dance with them what brung you". We urge you to take it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hope Morrison". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Hope Morrison, President
Responsible Growth For Northcross