

To: Speak Up Volunteers

From: Mayor Elsie Thurman

In March we asked for your help to stop **Senate Bill 673** from passing. This bill will allow accessory dwelling units (aka: mother-in-law suite) in any residential neighborhood, regardless of lot size or proximity to neighboring property.

Major concerns with this legislation:

- **Ownership/Leasing:** the ADU can be leased, used as a short-term rental, or sold as if it were a condo. Consider how you would be impacted if your neighbor built an ADU in their yard and used it as a short-term rental.
- **Parking:** adding additional living quarters in established neighborhoods will result in additional vehicles needing parking areas. Street parking crowds neighborhoods and hinders access by emergency vehicles.
- **Location:** it does not limit the construction of the ADU to the rear of the house.
- **Drainage:** Neighborhoods were designed for a certain amount of coverage of permeable surfaces, but this bill would allow more coverage with no significant drainage requirements.

HSB neighborhoods have been designed for a certain number of residents. Increasing the number of residents in existing neighborhoods would **strain resources** such as water and wastewater services, emergency services, and street maintenance that were not planned for expansion in those areas.

SB 673 has passed the Senate and was approved by the House's Land and Resource Management Committee this morning. **Your House Representative Wes Virdell is on this Committee and voted FOR SB 673 in the committee hearing.**

What can you do?

Click on the Representative's name below to be taken to their "Contact Me" webpage.

In the form, provide the requested information (Title=Citizen, Company (if asked) = Horseshoe Bay, TX) in the form. In the Subject line, type the bill number (**SB 673**).

In the message portion, include at least the bill number (SB 673) and the fact that you oppose it. **Example message: I am opposed to SB 673, which seeks to lower my property value and increase density in already established neighborhoods.**

Click here to contact: [House Representative Wes Virdell \(Llano County Rep\)](#)

Click here to contact: [House Representative Ellen Troxclair \(Burnet County Rep\)](#)

Click here to contact: [House Representative Gary Gates \(Chair of the LRM Committee\)](#)

With sincere appreciation,

Elsie Thurman

Mayor

City of Horseshoe Bay

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