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The Mid-City Neighborhood Organization does not support the BioDistrict (GNOBEDD) as currently constituted for the following reasons:

- We do not want to lose existing one-and two-unit housing stock existing in the district
- We do not want to jeopardize the architectural fabric of Mid City
- We do not want zoning and street grid decisions to be determined by a state entity outside of local control
- We do not have a clear statement from the BioDistrict on the specific effects they would have on homeowners and property owners in the district
- We lack reliable assurance that the BioDistrict, alone or in partnership with the state, will *not* appropriate property in the BioDistrict.

Mid-City welcomes new industry and jobs to our city, including efforts to build a bio-sciences industry

We have an historic medical district downtown that has been gutted and abandoned by the move from downtown to Lower Mid City of the LSU and VA hospitals and the closure of Charity Hospital, leaving behind over 2 million square feet of abandoned space, in addition to other empty and vacant spaces in the downtown area.

We, the homeowners, residents and business owners who live, work and own property in Mid City, do not want fundamental decisions made about our homes, businesses and the future of our neighborhood by a state-imposed board which consists of political appointees who are not democratically elected or responsive and whose primary focus is promoting industry. We insist upon local control and accountability for Mid City through our local elected officials and well-established city agencies.