



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

December 6, 2017

STATEMENT:

TO: Michael Guarino, Chair, and Members
Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio
RE: Item No. 41 – HDRC Case No. 2017-D05
803 North Cherry Street


The San Antonio Conservation Society represents over 1500 citizens who support the conservation of our natural, built and cultural heritage. We invested \$50,000 in the rehabilitation of the Hays Street Bridge, which was completed in 2010 and has become an icon of the community. The bridge is a public space that must be accessible to all.

The Society has previously advocated for the preservation of sightlines to and from the bridge. The current proposal has a small setback from the bridge but has left half of the site vacant. A better plan would be to shift the project away from the bridge and orient it to Lamar Street, in effect rotating the plan 90 degrees. This would provide more retail opportunities and more residential units with views of the bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Purpose of this Society is to preserve and to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs, relating to the history of Texas, its natural beauty, and all that is admirably distinctive to our State; and by such physical and cultural preservation to keep the history of Texas legible and intact to educate the public, especially the youth of today and tomorrow, with knowledge of our inherited regional values.

