



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

March 9, 2018

STATEMENT:

TO: Michael Guarino, Chair, and Members
Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio

RE: Agenda Item 1 – 803 N. Cherry: Historic Hays Street Bridge
HDRC Case No. 2017-D05

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. This bridge, which serves as an icon of the near East Side community, 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 development proposal has a modest setback from the bridge, but we would urge the creation of a larger space that would help preserve views of the bridge. We also suggest that the vacant land adjacent to the bridge be either donated as a park or preserved through a conservation easement to ensure that the bridge remains unencumbered.

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.