



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

April 18, 2018

STATEMENT:

TO: Michael Guarino, Chair, and Members

Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio

RE: Agenda Item 5: VIA Transit Stop Locations – IKE Smart City Kiosks
HDRC Case No. 2018-172

The San Antonio Conservation Society has been concerned about billboards, both traditional and digital, since our founding in 1924. Our concern has centered on the potential for billboards to obscure the city's natural beauty and historic landmarks. The proposal before you today for "digital kiosks" raises this concern again. The applicant is asking to add 11 more locations to the 24 sites already approved. Are these 35 the only kiosks that will be installed, or will there be more in the future?


The existing digital kiosk billboard at Flores and Dolorosa has been sited appropriately and does not detract from the historic ambiance around Main Plaza. This board must insure that all kiosks meet this standard.

Respectfully submitted,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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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.

