



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

April 4, 2018

STATEMENT:

TO: Michael Guarino, Chair, and Members
Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio
RE: Agenda Item 23 – 2511 N. Flores Street
HDRC Case No. 2018-129

The San Antonio Conservation Society supports the landmark designation of 2511 N. Flores, which pre-dates 1911 and is one of the oldest structures in this part of the Alta Vista neighborhood. We believe that this building, which has been used as affordable multi-family housing since 1921, meets three criteria necessary for landmark designation.

In addition to criteria 1 and 13 identified by the Office of Historic Preservation, this structure also meets criterion 7. The unique location of this house in the middle of the 2500 block of N. Flores makes it worthy of preservation as an established or familiar visual feature along this entry corridor into Alta Vista from San Pedro Springs Park. As the only other two-story house on the west side of the block, the structure's presence is essential to maintaining the visual continuity of historic housing stock along this section of the street. Although some original materials have been superficially altered, the building's basic form remains intact.

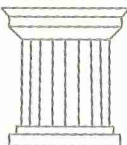
Landmark designation would allow the owner to qualify for tax credits, while continuing to offer affordable multi-family housing within the historic context of the neighborhood. It would also strengthen the protection afforded to the collection of historic properties near the corner of N. Flores and W. Russell, which contribute to Alta Vista's overall eligibility as a historic district.

Respectfully submitted,

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