



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

May 2, 2018

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Agenda Item 26 – Review and Recommendation of UDC Amendments relating to
Viewshed Protection
HDRC Case No. 2018-144

Good afternoon. The San Antonio Conservation Society has been pleased to work with the City as part of the Technical Advisory Panel for the Viewsheds Ordinance. This work has involved the research and analysis of a variety of viewshed protection techniques utilized across the country. We are proud to have been part of the expert team assessing other viewshed ordinances and adopting their best practices and language. The public input portions of this research have helped fine-tune this ordinance to reflect the specific needs and desires of the San Antonio community while ensuring protection of property rights.


The proposed Viewshed Ordinance will encourage responsible and sustainable development in San Antonio while protecting those visual assets that add economic value to local property. This careful and considered approach has yielded a balanced ordinance that enjoys widespread support from both City Council and the many local communities who participated in the advisory process.

Respectfully submitted,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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