



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

June 6, 2018

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Agenda Item No. 26 - 504 Austin Street
HDRC Case No.2018-271
Landmark Name: La Fama Bakery, Alt House (rear house)

The San Antonio Conservation Society has made multiple contributions to the stabilization of this building through its Community Grants program over the years. We are pleased to see that the building finally has a plan for use. With that said, we are concerned about the proposed roof deck design.

We feel that the concept of a flat roof deck on the two-story portion of the building adversely changes the character of the building. We know that the original roof was hipped and believe that the proposed roof deck is too much of a departure from the original roof form. The roof deck, with its increased rooftop ancillary structures, creates a scale that is no longer compatible with the historic parts of the structure that was the La Fama Bakery.

Respectfully,

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