



# 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. 24 – 139 East Commerce Street  
HDRC Case No.2018-256


The San Antonio Conservation Society was disappointed to see the proposed Floodgate project. The changes to the plan are going in the wrong direction in both scale and architectural design. While the original design related to the River Walk and adjacent historic buildings, the new plan performs poorly in both regards. The elevation on Commerce does not relate to the existing historic context in proportion, rhythm, scale and materials. It has no elements that line up with the adjacent Witte building, and the materials contrast so strongly with the existing context that the new building seems out of place. The river elevation is similarly problematic. Where the original design sheltered and embraced the River Walk, the current iteration merely backs up to it. We do not support approval of this design.

Respectfully,

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.

