



# SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

STATEMENT:

August 2, 2018

TO: Mayor Ron Nirenberg  
City Council Members, City of San Antonio  
RE: Agenda Item Z-21 – Properties located within World Heritage Buffer Zone  
Zoning Case # Z2017005 CD (Council District 3 & 5)

The San Antonio Conservation Society has been involved with the conservation of San Antonio's historic missions for more than 90 years and has played a central role in both the creation of the National Historical Park and the inscription of the San Antonio Missions as a World Heritage site.

We support the proposed zoning changes in accordance with the Land Use Amendments and believe their adoption will enhance the World Heritage Site and its buffer zone. These zoning changes will provide a template for robust and harmonious development throughout the World Heritage Buffer Zone area that will serve residents and visitors alike.

It is appropriate and desirable to seek increased opportunities for green corridors and linear parkways to enhance the already successful Mission Reach of the River Walk. It is also important to fulfill World Heritage requirements by protecting the Missions from inappropriate high-density development. In addition, the zoning changes encourage non-industrial uses that will support growing residential communities and tourism throughout the World Heritage area.

The Society owns and operates the Yturri-Edmunds Historic Site in the Roosevelt neighborhood and we support the zoning change in that area from high-density to low-density residential, which reflects the existing scale of our historic site. In the South Central and Stinson Airport Community Plan areas, the zoning changes wisely encourage a variety of residential and commercial developments that will enhance the visitor experience while encouraging local economic growth.

For all of these reasons, we urge the adoption of these zoning changes in the World Heritage Buffer Zone area.

Respectfully,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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