



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

September 5, 2018

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Agenda Item 20 – 613 Chestnut – 219 Nolan
HDRC Case No. 2018-385 (Government Hill)

The San Antonio Conservation Society is concerned that the design of the project at 613 Chestnut will involve the demolition of a significant 19th century structure. The site plan shows the new development extending onto the lot currently occupied by a small, Folk Victorian house at 219 Nolan Street.

This house, which maintains its historical and architectural integrity, meets the criteria for a finding of historic significance. Later modifications, including asbestos siding, appear to be reversible. Asbestos abatement should not be made an obstacle to reuse, since abatement would also be required for demolition. Relocation of this house, either on the project site or in a compatible residential setting nearby, would be appropriate to ensure its preservation.

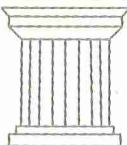
We encourage the Commission to oppose the demolition of this house.

Respectfully submitted,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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