



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 19 – 613 Chestnut (re: Historic Significance Designation)
HDRC Case No. 2018-406 (Government Hill)

The San Antonio Conservation Society supports a finding of historic significance for the house at 219 Nolan. This modest Folk Victorian meets Criterion 5 by retaining the form and features that make up the distinguishing characteristics of this building type. These include a full-façade porch, transoms above the doors, decorative porch brackets, and the original two-over-two wood windows.

219 Nolan also meets Criterion 8, particularly for integrity of location. It represents the last turn-of-the-century house left on its block, which lies in an area that once formed a cohesive residential pocket west of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. This house also relates historically and architecturally to the only other Victorian residence still standing on the other side of the street: the landmarked Dullnig-Schneider House.

Finally, 219 Nolan serves as a prime example of the type of house occupied by working class families before increased commercialization transformed the neighborhood landscape of the near Eastside. As such, it meets Criterion 11 for its distinctive character, interest, and value.

Respectfully,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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