



# SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

September 19, 2018

## STATEMENT:

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

RE: Agenda Item 8 – 401 E. Houston – Parklet Installation  
HDRC Case No. 2018-450 Landmark Name: Burns Building, Washer Bros Building

The San Antonio Conservation Society opposes the plan to create a parklet along the west side of the Burns Building. The number of on-street parking zones downtown, especially commercial ones, is already at a minimum. Downtown businesses need commercial parking zones to ensure necessary access for maintenance and delivery of goods. While the idea of a parklet is an interesting concept, we feel that it should not be allowed at the expense of losing parking within a City right of way.

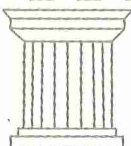
Furthermore, the design of the parklet would effectively narrow Jefferson Street. The low wall next to traffic would give a driver traveling north the perception that he needs to drive closer to the middle of the street to avoid scraping the low wall. There is also the practical question of whether people would use a seating area when it is exposed to the hot Texas sun for most of the year and located so close to the street.

Respectfully submitted,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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