



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

November 7, 2018

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Agenda Item 42 – Mission Historic District Design Guidelines
HDRC Case No. 2018-500: Historic District: Mission Historic District and Landmarks

The San Antonio Conservation Society has been involved in the review of the draft Mission Historic District Design Manual and is in support of the design guidelines being proposed today. We are pleased to note that this has been a careful, deliberate and public process. The document carefully details the varying neighborhood, building, and commercial district types found within this diverse district, and tailors the guidelines very specifically to each sub-district. Implementation of these guidelines will ensure that the future growth and development of the Mission Historic District will remain true to its original and historic development.

These guidelines are not simply architectural. The consultants who have worked with the city for over a year on this project have taken the time to understand San Antonio's particular sense of place, and the importance of overall landscape features, cultural traditions, scale and use. This design manual is a valuable tool for homeowners, business owners and developers who want to understand the historic forms and patterns of the built environment of the Mission Historic District. Please note that the Society also owns property in this district, the Yturri-Edmunds house and mill complex on Mission Road.

This manual provides a welcome and timely tool to ensure the organic growth of the district, building on the progress of its existing population. The guidelines encourage various approaches to commercial and residential development that target specific needs and build on specific neighborhood characteristics.

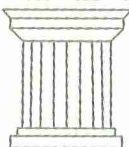
For all of these reasons, the San Antonio Conservation Society urges the adoption of this manual and guidelines.

Respectfully,

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