

## SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

February 5, 2019

STATEMENT:

TO: Zoning Commission, San Antonio

RE: Agenda Item No. 7 - Case No. 19-1975: A request for change in zoning to Historic Landmark for the historic gas station at 905 Nogalitos Street.

Built in 1934, this is the only surviving station from San Antonio's Pure Oil company. It has architectural integrity and meets six of the criteria for designation. It is one of the top 30 most significant stations identified in a survey of over 1500 that the San Antonio Conservation Society began in 1983.

Designation of the gas station affects roughly one-eighth of a large piece of property, providing a wide range of economically viable redevelopment options for the owner. In a city with so many successfully preserved gas stations, this building adds value to the site.

The Conservation Society offered to purchase the property at above-market value but was denied by ownership. We strongly support this zoning change to preserve this important community landmark.

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The Purpose of this Society is to preserve and to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs, relating to the history of Texas, its natural beauty, and all that is admirably distinctive to our State; and by such physical and cultural preservation to keep the history of Texas legible and intact to educate the public, especially the youth of today and tomorrow, with knowledge of our inherited regional values.

