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Re: State Antiquities Landmark nomination for the Woolworth Building, San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Beginning in February 1960, a national, African-American student-led movement challenged racial segregation at store lunch counters. Woolworth's on Alamo Plaza became one of seven San Antonio stores that voluntarily and peacefully desegregated their lunch counters on March 16, in response to a request made by a student leader of the NAACP. News accounts credited San Antonio with being the first city to resolve the issue through interracial cooperation, rather than demonstrations, setting a positive example for the rest of the country.

As the most prominent of the stores to peacefully integrate, the Woolworth Building represents an important site in the Civil Rights Movement in San Antonio, and across the United States. It is critical to preserve this building as a visible link to San Antonio's rich African-American history, not just commemorate what happened at the site. Therefore, I support the San Antonio Conservation Society's State Antiquities Landmark nomination for the Woolworth Building, which will acknowledge and protect the building's valuable Civil Rights legacy.

Sincerely,