



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

March 7, 2019

STATEMENT:

TO: Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Members
San Antonio City Council

RE: Item No. 18: 1411 Ashby Place

The Conservation Society has long supported the preservation of the Beacon Hill School, which remains structurally sound and retains significant architectural features inside and out. Despite promises to restore and re-use the property, the owner allowed the Beacon Hill School to deteriorate over three decades. More recently, they mobilized residents to advocate for its demolition by the unwarranted closing of the adjacent playground.

The proposed cultural heritage curriculum will help prevent such willful demolitions in the future by educating the next generation regarding the social, environmental and economic benefits of building conservation. The Conservation Society supports the proposed mitigation, which includes both an inventory of significant school buildings and the implementation of an innovative cultural heritage curriculum at SAISD.

Respectfully submitted,

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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.