



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

April 17, 2019

STATEMENT:

TO: Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio

RE: Agenda Item A-5: -200 Block of Perez Street

HDRC Case No. 2019-196

Perez Street is a vital connection to San Antonio's early 19th century Spanish heritage and should not be renamed. Its name honors Lt. Col. Ignacio Perez, Ad-Interim Governor of Spanish Texas and part of one of the most influential San Antonian families. It is a rare remnant of the Laredito neighborhood, both in its landmarked historic structures, and in its name.


The San Antonio Conservation Society has long opposed the changing of historic street names. We opposed this same street name change in 2012, as did the HDRC, and the University Health System withdrew its request upon recognition of the significance of the current name. If the University Health System is intent on publicly honoring Robert B. Green, in addition to the hospital and campus he is already honored with, we feel a compromise could be made to include Robert B. Green Way as an honorary street name. One significant history should not be lost at the expense of another.

Respectfully submitted,

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