



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

July 17, 2019

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Item A6: 517 E. Houston St. – Sol Frank Building

HDRC Case No.: 2019-365

Statement of the San Antonio Conservation Society regarding the Sol Frank Building proposal before the Historic and Design Review Commission.

The San Antonio Conservation Society concurs with OHP staff recommendations regarding the proposed renovations to the Sol Frank Building at 517 E. Houston St. By disrupting the verticality and continuity of the original façade's design with a railed balcony and glass storefront, these alterations would mar one of the few smaller scale examples of the art deco style in the city. Additionally, this proposal differs substantially from the one approved in 2015 that preemptively addressed the Society's concerns regarding the stylistically incongruous façade.

Thank you.

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Patti Zaiontz, President

