

San Antonio Conservation Society

July 17, 2019

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Item B-16: 138 S. Josephine Tobin

HDRC Case No. 2019-283

The San Antonio Conservation Society concurs with the findings of the OHP that the existing building meets four of the criteria necessary for individual landmark designation. In addition, the building lies within the Woodlawn Lake Historic District.

The overall condition of the building appears to be good but has been contested. A structural analysis by a registered engineer should be completed to assess its structural integrity. The historic district designation also requires that the applicant prove unreasonable economic hardship to support a demolition request.

If the intended program of use requires more space than the existing building provides, we recommend building a compatible addition. This would save the existing structure and allow for the additional accommodations, as needed.

Thank you.

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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.

