



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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STATEMENT:

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

RE: Item No. A-7: Tobin Hill Community Association
HDRC Case No.: 2019-5411

The Conservation Society supports the evaluation of new historic districts around Tobin Hill. We also suggest a moratorium on the non-emergency demolition of contributing historic buildings in this area while designation options are explored. Without such action, ongoing demolition requests will continue to deplete the historic housing stock needed to form cohesive historic districts even as any assessment or designation process moves forward.

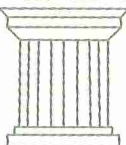
The Office of Historic Preservation has identified a particularly high rate of demolition requests in the area south of Locust and West Grayson Streets. We recommend making this hotspot a preservation priority. Recent failures to secure individual designations to protect historic houses on East Evergreen and East Euclid Streets indicate an accelerating trend towards replacement infill. This trend threatens the neighborhood's supply of affordable housing, as well as its architectural character and historic significance.

Respectfully submitted,

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