



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

August 7, 2019

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Item A9: 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.

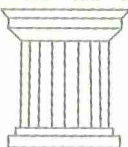
The San Antonio Conservation Society concurs with OHP staff recommendations regarding the proposed renovations to the Sol Frank Building. As currently proposed, the railed balcony and glass storefront disrupt the verticality and continuity of the original façade's design. These alterations will mar one of the few smaller scale examples of the art deco style downtown. Additionally, this proposal differs substantially from the one approved in 2015, which provided a more stylistically compatible design solution.

Thank you.

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