



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

August 21, 2019

STATEMENT:

TO: Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio
RE: Item No. A-4: 110 Lexington (El Tropicano Hotel)
HDRC Case No.: 2019-450
Statement of the San Antonio Conservation Society

The San Antonio Conservation Society concurs with the City's Office of Historic Preservation findings regarding the redevelopment of the El Tropicano Hotel. While many of the design choices for the building follow, or are in harmony with, the historic landmark's original design, two do not. The replacement of original stone veneer in the entrance area with stucco diminishes the design integrity of the hotel, since the stone mirrors the materiality of the projecting marquee above.

Secondly, the proposed demolition of the easternmost portion of the hotel is an incomplete request because no plan or design has been submitted. This section of the hotel responds to the river through redentation and should be maintained in its current form.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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.