



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

August 21, 2019

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Item B-13: 214 Lotus Street

HDRC Case No.: 2019-422

Statement of the San Antonio Conservation Society regarding the historic house at 214 Lotus Street.

Two months ago, the San Antonio Conservation Society contacted the Office of Historic Preservation regarding the home at 214 Lotus because we knew that the property had architectural significance. We also knew that the building had been marketed within the last year as an historic property in an area with a vibrant tradition of re-use and rehabilitation. The sale price appeared consistent with that of other preservation projects in the community.

The Conservation Society concurs that the home at 214 Lotus meets three of the criteria required in the Unified Development Code for designation as a historic landmark. First, it is an excellent example of a Queen Anne styled Victorian home with its clapboard siding, distinctive roofline, and decorative porch. Additions to the house do not detract from the columned front porch, large entrance, and gabled façade.


Second, the house is associated with Adolphe Wernette family, for whom it was built in 1909. The Wernettes were descended from the original Alsatian settlers of Castroville and continued to be a presence in San Antonio. Thirdly, the building provides a connection to the earliest history of this neighborhood, having helped set the standard for housing when it was constructed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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