



# SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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## STATEMENT:

TO: Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio  
RE: Item B22: 518 Nevada  
HDRC Case No.: 2019-423

The San Antonio Conservation Society concurs with the finding of the Office of Historic Preservation that the home at 518 Nevada meets three of the criteria required in the Unified Development Code for designation as a historic landmark. First, it served as the home of Rev. John T. and Nellie Jacobs, leaders of the East End Methodist Church. The nearby church was renamed Jacobs Chapel to honor this influential clergyman. This house is a rare surviving landmark of African-American history in an area decimated by urban renewal and highway construction.

Second, the house is an excellent example of a Folk Victorian home built in 1905. It retains its original orientation, materials and massing, with two easily reversible additions on the rear. Thirdly, the building anchors a potential historic district in a region not currently protected by designation. Recognition of this important community landmark can inspire future preservation efforts in the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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