



December 4, 2019

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Item A-3: 423 S. Alamo Street

Historic District: La Villita

HDRC Case No.: 2019-690

The Conservation Society of San Antonio concurs with the staff recommendation regarding the proposed hotel project's impact on the historic fabric of the German-English School. We hope that the amount of original material removed to connect the restaurant to the hotel lobby will be minimized as much as practical. Secondly, the Conservation Society disagrees that the massing of the new structure is appropriate for the block since it is significantly taller than all existing buildings, including the hotel on the south side of Arciniega. Thirdly, while we understand that this is conceptual review, there is not enough information about the north façade, one of the largest expanses of the new building, to judge its impact on the historic district that it overlooks. The level of detail provided for the narrow east façade needs to be provided for the very wide north and south facades.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

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Patti Zaiontz, President