

November 20, 2019

## STATEMENT:

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

RE: Item A-6: 1714, 1720, 1722 South St. Mary's

HDRC Case No.: 2019-669

Landmark Name: Commercial

RIO District: RIO-4

The Conservation Society of San Antonio supports the Staff findings and recommendations regarding the proposed development at 1714, 1720 and 1722 S. St. Mary's. We support the Phase I restoration of the landmarked property at 1714 S. St. Mary's that will return the storefront to its original orientation. We support the Staff recommendations regarding the new development in Phase II. We further support the Staff recommendations regarding the redevelopment of 1720 S. St. Mary's in Phase III. The landmarked building should be preserved as a building, not merely a façade. The proposed addition offers no setbacks and its scale and massing are inappropriate for the street and neighborhood. We support the restoration of 1722 S. St. Mary's in Phase IV.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

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