



June 3, 2020

STATEMENT:

TO: Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio
RE: Item 1: 816 S. Colorado Street, 812 S. Colorado Street,
1024 El Paso/Rinconcito de Esperanza
HDRC Case No.: 2020-204
City Council District: 5

The Conservation Society of San Antonio supports historic district designation for Rinconcito de Esperanza. This complex of structures, dating from the turn of the century to the 1930's, embodies a variety of architectural styles and vernacular forms that were once common to this working-class neighborhood. The Esperanza Peace and Justice Center has done such an excellent job preserving the historic residential and commercial buildings within this block that they received a Built Environment Award from the Society in 2014.

Since that time, Esperanza has worked to preserve the living heritage of the Westside with the Mujer Artes building done in traditional adobe and the Museo del Westside, incorporating the historic Ruben's Ice House, a project that received a Conservation Society educational grant. The Esperanza Peace and Justice Center has worked with us on many occasions in efforts to save important San Antonio landmarks. Their building complex, which illustrates both the physical and cultural history of this important San Antonio community, also deserves designation and protection.

Respectfully submitted,

THE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patti Zaiontz'.

Patti Zaiontz, President