



August 18, 2020

STATEMENT:

TO: Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio
RE: Item No. 8 – HDRC Case No. 2020-318 | Alamo 323 S.

A Night In Old San Antonio®, the premier Fiesta event provides over half a million dollars to the city each year. As a long-term partner, we have several comments in reply to the above referenced application.

Of note, the applicant implies that there has been a collaboration with or significant input from the NIOSA® organization on this project. This, however, misrepresents our involvement and the appropriateness of the proposed plans in addressing our concerns.

The NIOSA organization was given limited updates or review of the plans during all phases of the project. Despite repeated requests, we were not provided any drafts of these plans and simply asked for comments upon completion. These plans fall short of the initial representations that were made to us regarding use of the plaza for our future events.

Our primary concern remains the significant reduction in usable space for our event. The proposed construction will reduce the plaza to half the size.

The addition of trees to interior space and an enlarged demonstration kitchen have reduced the space even further than initially discussed. Also contrary to initial representations, the space is less flexible and accommodating due to the placement of permanent kiosks and benches.

It is unclear what additional City space would be used for future events as mentioned in the proposal. There is no current offer or agreement to accommodate our event in any other City space.

We concur with the comments of the La Villita Tenants Association objecting to the removal of all fencing and gates as this would make it difficult to secure the plaza for ticketed events in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

A NIGHT IN OLD SAN ANTONIO

Terry Schoenert, NIOSA Chairman

