



Dear Esteemed Members of The Conservation Society of San Antonio,

As we begin our 101st year our work on ADVOCACY is in full bloom. If you open your yearbook to pages 19 and 20, you will see contact phone numbers for our Mayor, City Council Offices, City Administrative Offices, Bexar County Chairman and Commissioners, Non-Governmental Organizations, Federal, our Texas House of Representatives and State Senators, and of course, our four United States House of Representatives and two United States Senators.

Preservation Texas has sent us the proposed legislation and budgets for this 89th Legislature's session. Preservation Texas represents us all, but if YOU are eager to help in this preservation advocacy from your home, below is a list of the four 2025 Legislative Priorities and two bills that impede preservation. If you are interested in contacting your officials about any of these bills, please do so. They love to hear from their constituents.

[Click here to find your State of Texas Representatives and their contact information online.](#)

Bills That Empower & Support Preservation:

- [HB 2723](#) / [SB 1920](#) – Requiring county tax assessors to grant property tax exemptions for cemeteries that are known to exist or that they should know to exist after a reasonable inspection, even if the owner does not apply or the owner is unknown.
- [HB 4450](#) – Requiring a public hearing for contested demolition requests for State Antiquities Landmarks submitted to the Texas Historical Commission.
- [HB 4809](#) / [SB 2553](#) – Requiring county tax assessors to take into account restrictions placed on a property owner's ability to alter, improve, or repair property due to its historic designation as a historic or archaeological site, along with the land necessary to access the site.
- [SB 2606](#) – Increasing the state historic tax credit from 25% to 35% in economically distressed census tracts.

Bills That Impede Preservation:

- [HB 3114](#) / [SB 2076](#) – Eliminating/altering certain State Capitol view corridors in Austin (a former 2007 PT Most Endangered Places listing).
- [SB 2639](#) – Requiring payment of damages for the designation of certain historic landmarks in cities with a population of 950,000 or above.

Thank you for working with the Conservation Society in its purpose to preserve and encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs relating to the history of Texas.

Sincerely,
Virginia Van Cleave
Third Vice-President

If you did not purchase the yearbook, you may find it online when you log-in to the Member's site at saconservation.org/member-login/