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September 13, 2013

Chair Laurie Limbacher and Commissioners
Historic Landmark Commission
City of Austin
Post Office Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-8865
Sent via E-mail

Re: C14H-1989-0010, Dabney-Horne House, 507 W. 23rd Street

Dear Chair Limbacher and Commissioners:

We understand that you may be considering a proposal to relocate the historic landmark Dabney-Horne house on its existing site in order to allow for more intense development of the remainder of the site. While we have not yet been privy to the specifics of these plans, insofar as we understand the proposal from the application materials and from walking the site, we have concerns about this latest proposal. We'd like to express our concerns regarding the general concept. We recommend that the Landmark Commission take into account the following concepts.

- 1) The siting and setbacks of the historic house are now and should continue to be in keeping with the setbacks that are typical of other older and landmarked homes in the area.
- 2) Non-historic additions could be removed if they do not contribute to the historic character of the landmark property.
- 3) New construction on or adjacent to the property should be consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Standard 9 states, "*New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.*"

This is an important case that may influence treatment of other landmarked properties both in West Campus and throughout Austin. We trust that the Certificate of Appropriateness review will conform to the Standards and city requirements as always. Thank you for considering our input, and all you do to protect the historic assets of our city.

Sincerely,

Tom Stacy
President

November 26, 2013

Mr. Greg Guernsey
Director, Planning & Development Review
City of Austin
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas 78704

Re: ***Relocation/Certificate of Appropriateness for 507 West 23rd Street (C14H-1989-0010)***

Dear Mr. Guernsey,

We oppose the requested Certificate of Appropriateness and Removal Permit for the Dabney-Horne House, located at 507 West 23rd Street.

We are the record owners of the property located at 2210 and 2212 Nueces, which is within 500 feet of the Dabney-Horne House. For purposes of §25-1-131, we are an interested party in this matter by our proximity to the subject property and by communicating our opposition to this request.

It is our understanding that the applicant seeks to remove the historic structure from its original and current location on the property to an alternate non-historic location on the property. The historic location of the structure on the property is the original and current location. The interest of historic preservation, the standard upon which the Commission is charged with acting in reviewing this application, is best served by retaining the structure in its original and current location.

For these reasons and others, we respectfully request the denial of the requested Certificate of Appropriateness and Removal Permit.

Sincerely,



George R. Cary III
Managing Member of Gerhard-Schoch 1887 LLC

Cc: Mr. Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Austin

Members, Historic Landmark Commission