

March 25, 2016

Dr. Marva Griffin Carter  
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Chair Galindo & Honorable Commissioners  
The Historic Landmark Commission of the City of Austin

Dear Commissioners:

I am Marva Griffin Carter, the daughter of the late Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Griffin, and the executrix of his estate. This letter is requesting that the structure on the 1175 San Bernard Street lot, once owned by my father, not be given historic zoning by The City of Austin.

In my attempt to sell this land, there have been several options considered. We explored moving the property's structure, or making it an auxiliary to a larger house. Moreover, we have offered it to two local churches, including the one next door, to no avail.

The house as it stands is uninhabitable and dilapidated well beyond any value that could be recaptured in its repair. This edifice represents a financial burden and a serious impediment to the sale of the property to any prospective buyer.

Most importantly, this structure is not the original one on the lot. It was left to my father by a well-meaning parishioner of his church. He, nor any of his heirs, has ever lived there.

As the executrix of my father's estate, I have an obligation to my sister and niece to settle the estate judiciously in a timely manner. If you have further questions, or concerns, I can be reached at: (678)-526-1020 (home); (404) 599-5515 (mobile); (404) 413-5932 (office-Tues./Thurs.); or email: [mgcarter@gsu.edu](mailto:mgcarter@gsu.edu).

Thank you for giving this matter your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Marva Griffin Carter, Ph.D.