



**City of Austin**  
Historic Preservation Office  
Planning and Zoning Department  
P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767

October 24, 2017

Mary Ann Garcia and Elizabeth Torrez



Dear Ms. Garcia and Ms. Torrez,

I hope this finds you well. I am conducting research on the church building at 919 Valdez Street as part of the Historic Landmark Commission's review of a demolition application filed for the building. The application included a copy of the deed in which you transferred the property to Sharon Sneed in August 2017, and you are both listed as surviving co-trustees for the Gethsemane Assembly of God Church.

The Landmark Commission has requested additional information about the Gethsemane Assembly of God and/or the Templo Getsemani de las Asambleas de Dios, and I was hoping you might be able and willing to answer a few questions before the Commission's next meeting on November 27.

1. Is either congregation still active? If so, where are they located?
2. What do you know about the history of the Gethsemane and/or Getsemani congregations?
3. When did the building at 919 Valdez stop being used as a church?
4. When the church was housed in 919 Valdez, where did congregation members live?
5. Was the church involved with the neighborhood/community in Montopolis? If so, how?

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. You can reach me by email, phone, or mail at [cara.bertron@austintexas.gov](mailto:cara.bertron@austintexas.gov), (512) 974-1446, or the address above. I would also be happy to meet you for an in-person conversation, if you prefer.

Best,

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Deputy Historic Preservation Officer  
City of Austin

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**From:** Mary Garcia [REDACTED] >  
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As of June 6, 2017 there is no longer a congregation active at 919 Valdez St.  
It has been vacated since June 6, 2017 and has been sold to Sharon Sneed in August 2017.

Thanks for your inquire.

Mary Garcia, surviving co-trustees  
Elizabeth Torrez, surviving co-trustees