

Rick and Phyllis Patrick

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Austin, TX 78703

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To: City of Austin Historic Landmark Commission

Attn: Andrew Rice

re: 606 Augusta Avenue, Austin, TX 78703

Case No: NRS-2018-0039, PR-2018-076943, Demolition Permit Application

Dear Commissioners,

My wife Phyllis and I have lived in this neighborhood since 1978 and our home is very close to the subject property. We have loved our neighborhood most of all for our neighbors, but also for the ambiance provided by the early 20th century homes and towering live oak trees if practically every yard. The most magnificent of these oaks is found on the subject property. Nothing should be allowed to jeopardize the health of this wonderful heritage oak—not cutting a large branch or damaging the root structure or adding impervious cover to the lot. The garage apartment is no showplace, but is typical of the kind of structures that give the neighborhood its charm and character. If demolition is granted, it might be tied to replacing the structure with something that more closely follows the vernacular of the neighborhood architecture than the proposed buildings.

Please take into account the value of the neighborhood and the trees when making your recommendations. Thank you,

Sincerely,

Rick Patrick