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City of Austin Historic Landmark Commission  
Austin City Hall  
301 W. 2nd Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Commissioners:

As a native Austinite, I write to express my strong support to declare the former home and property of the late Mr. Edward Rendon, located at 1705 Haskell St. Austin TX 78702, as a historical site in the city of Austin.

Mr. Rendon played an important part in the history of Austin. He was one of the leaders who fought for civil rights, equality, and property rights in east Austin. Mr. Rendon held many meetings with local neighborhood leaders and Austin politicians at his home which dealt with the civil rights movement in the 1960s, the Austin boat races in the 70s, the Holly Power Plant, and other issues that affected the east Austin area. Indeed, Mr. Rendon was honored by the city of Austin when it named the Town Lake park area near his home as "Edward Rendon Park."

During the past dozen years, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Rendon and attending meetings at his home which dealt with issues affecting the east Austin area. Mr. Rendon was a role model for his family, and his children and grandchildren are carrying on the tradition of community workers. Mr. Rendon welcomed friends of the family such as myself to his home and he beamed with pride as he watched his children and grandchildren carry on the work that he started in the community.

I hope that the City of Austin Historical Landmark Commission approves of the designation of the Edward Rendon home as a historical site. It deserves to be remembered and recognized as the home of one of Austin's historical leaders and as a historical meeting site for community leaders who worked to correct injustices in Austin.

Sincerely,

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