

August 23, 2019

Honorable Commissioners, Emily Reed, Chair, Beth Valanzuela, Vice Chair, Witt Featherson, Ben Heimsath, Emily Hibbs, Mathew Jacob, Kevin Koch, Kelly Little, Terri Myers, Alex Papavasiliou, and Blake Tollett, Historic Landmark Commission,

Please approve historic zoning for the Edward Rendon, Sr. Family Home located at 1705 Haskell Street. Mr. Rendon raised his family in this home and lived there for almost 60 years.

Mr. Rendon was a founding member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He created a successful masonry construction business in the 1970s. His extraordinary masonry work can be seen on his home and in neighborhoods in East Austin and across the City.

Mr. Rendon was an effective community leader who fought for equity and justice for East Austin communities. He worked tirelessly to protect and preserve Chicano Park (Festival Beach) and Mexican-American culture and communities in East Austin.

Chicano Park was renamed to Edward Rendon, Sr. Park at Festival Beach to recognize and immortalize Mr. Rendon's selfless civic, business, and community contributions. His legacy lives on through his family, the children and young adults he mentored, the mastery of his distinctive masonry work, the communities he championed, and the parks he protected.

Please respect and honor Mr. Edward Rendon, Sr., and his legacy by approving historic zoning for the Edward Rendon Sr. Family Home!

Respectfully,

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