

Dear Historic commission board:

As a resident of East Austin and neighbor of the property 1705 Haskell St, I am writing to ask that you help to preserve this property in the East Austin community, by supporting the proposal of making the home historic. Edward Rendon Sr. was a great leader in the East Austin community that helped preserve and beautifying many areas in East Austin while raising his family of 8 in East Austin, Edward Rendon Sr. saw a need in his community and begin to work diligently with different community members in the area to make that change a reality. He was not given money nor asked for money to make that change come about, his reward was seeing his community become the beautiful landmark it is today, and that is why Chicano park which was named by residents that grew up knowing has changed to Edward Rendon Sr. Park in 2007. He believed that his children, grandchildren and his neighbor's and their children deserved a place where families could go and enjoy themselves at their community park. He helped preserve Town lake which is now Lady Bird lake from the boat races in 1978, he locked arms with many others to help shut down the power plant, he helped house many families at Martin Middle school in 1966 when Cesar Chavez marched through Austin, so much more Mr. Edward Rendon did for his community but none of this would have been done without planning, meeting, outreach and organizing, these 4 things that I mentioned were all done in the 1705 Haskell st home. At the age of 90 years Mr. Edward Rendon was still present at city council for public hearings, regarding his neighborhood. He was a believer in using your voice and standing up for what's right. Not only as a neighbor but also as his granddaughter, I ask that you honor my late grandfather by preserving the 1705 property in honor of his hard work and dedication in making the neighborhood a safe and beautiful place it is today.

Thank you,

Caroline Escobar