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Dear Mr. Sadaowsky and Members of the Historic Landmark Commission:
I have attached my wife's and my own objection to the rezoning of 1119 East 11th Street in a way that eliminates the Historic zoning designation.

As is too often the case, the engineer's reports on the property seem to be aimed at finding justification for demolition. If you like, and the owners allow it, I'm willing to look into getting an engineer's report that outlines what is needed to preserve the structure.

As someone who has restored an Austin landmark, the Routon-Alvarez-Lopez House at 809 East 9th Street, that was in far, far worse condition than the Majors-Butler-Thomas House, I can assure you that it is economically feasible to restore the main part (the front rooms and porch) of the home. I would be willing to share the entire budget for that project as well as before and after photos.

The Majors-Butler-Thomas House is a fine structure and the original home, the front rooms and porch, are in fair to good condition. The back rooms of the home should be removed and a sensitively designed, new addition could create a wonderful and useful structure that would contribute beautifully to the revitalized East 11th Street area. Just as importantly, preserving the home would make a statement to future generations that Austin cares about preserving the history of the African American population that helped lay the foundation for the great City we have today.

There certainly must have been sound reasons for the historic designation and I cannot think of any way those reasons no longer exist.
Thank you.
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Mark & Tristana Rogers
1104 East 10th Street

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