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Austin Historic Landmark Commission City Hall 301 W. 2nd St. Austin, TX 78701

September 22, 2020

RE: SRCC opposition to demolition of 815 Rutherford and 1204 Alta Vista, case HDP-2020-0274

Dear Commission Members,

On September 15, 2020 the general membership of the South River City Citizens (SRCC) Neighborhood Association voted to oppose the demolition of the homes at 815 Rutherford and 1204 Alta Vista. Our opposition stems from the following main issues:

- Both homes are modestly sized and would be affordable as rental properties. If demolished, they are unlikely to be replaced with similarly affordable homes.
- Both homes are contributing to the pending Travis Heights-Fairview Park National Register
  Historic District. The house on Rutherford is of particular interest given its distinctive Tudor
  revival style, which is one of the predominant styles in Travis Heights that gives the
  neighborhood its whimsical, eclectic character.

Sincerely,

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CC: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office