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Elizabeth, please forward this note to the members of the Historic Landmark Commission in advance of their meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

## Dear Commissioners,

I write to you in support of item 15 on your August 24, 2021 agenda, an appeal of the Historic Landmark Commission's denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the deconstruction and reconstruction of 909 Congress Avenue facade. The Downtown Austin Alliance is supportive of the plan to reconstruct this historic façade, along with those at 907 and 911 Congress Avenue, and understand that without this first step that process will not be able to proceed.

We look forward to working with the applicant as the project evolves and are comforted to know that there will be a restrictive covenant on the property requiring that the owner has only three years to replace the facades. This gives us the assurance that within that timeframe this portion of Congress Avenue will be reconstructed in keeping with the historic nature of the avenue.

We understand that there is broad support for this proposal and we join in that support. We ask that you vote for this appeal.

Sincerely,
Dewitt Peart