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**Preserve Pemberton**  
**Neighbors Supporting Pemberton Heights**  
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Steve Sadowsky, City Historic Preservation Officer  
City Historic Preservation Office  
City of Austin  
Neighbor Planning and Zoning Dept.  
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Dear Mr. Sadowsky:

As long time residents of Pemberton Heights Section 8, we request that your office assist us with the initiation of a Local Historic District for our part of this historic neighborhood. There are 75 houses in Section 8, of which 43 (57%) are contributing structures in the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

Development in Section 8 began in 1938 and a few houses were still being constructed in the early 1950's. Section 8 exhibits the curving streets and comprehensive collection of 1930's-40's architectural styles which are characteristic of the Old West Austin National Register Historic District, Austin's first automobile suburb.


We have significant support for a Section 8 Local Historic District: of the 75 households, 38 (51%) have already indicated their support for historic designation via donations for the National Register District and petition signatures for "H" zoning of threatened houses.

We therefore request that work on our Local Historic District begin immediately. As you are aware, the historic qualities of our neighborhood are being eroded by teardowns and inappropriate remodeling. It is essential that Local Historic District designation be initiated as soon as possible

We appreciate your attention to this matter and are available to assist with the process in any way.

Best regards,

  
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Cc: Mayor Will Wynn and Members of the Austin City Council

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