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February 20, 2015

Ms. Laurie Limbacher, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission
City of Austin
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767-1088

Mr. Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Austin
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767-1088

Re: NRD-2015-0014 PR -2015-010120: Building Permit in an NRD; 1708 West 30th

Dear Ms. Limbacher

The Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association opposes the plans submitted in the above referenced case. We acknowledge that this property differs from other architectural styles in the neighborhood yet it is a contributor with its own distinct style.

We have recommended that the owners consider reducing the height of the box addition on the front of the structure, as incongruous as it is, so that it aligns with the rest of the second floor addition, changing the window in that same box addition to reflect the casement windows elsewhere and add soffit and fascia elements akin to those found on the original structure. These are nominal cosmetic changes that we believe would improve the project as it relates to the original contributing structure.

The owners have the opportunity to design the additional space they need, to which we do not object, taking into account the limitations of the site and the house while arriving at a far more compatible design that better integrates with both the original fabric and style of the house. The design, as submitted, moves this house not only further from the Bryker Woods archetype but is not at all reflective of the current house given its distinct style.

The owners and their architects may argue that it is a matter of differing tastes. We would differ. Ours is a National Register District and this is a contributing structure. Maintaining contextual integrity, even with the addition of space and massing, can be successfully achieved and the owners should be urged to do so. We respectfully request that you oppose the plans as submitted and encourage the owners and their architectural team to make changes accordingly.

Sincerely,

Joyce Basciano
Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association

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Case Number(s): HDP-2014-1147 PR-2014-133471

Contact: Steve Sadowsky, 512-974-6454

Public Hearing: February 23, 2015 Historic Landmark Commission

WILLIAM RENSPIE

Your Name (*please print*)

1711 VISTA LN

Your address(es) affected by this application

W. Renspie

Signature

02-17-2015

Date

☒ I am in favor
☐ I object

Comments: _____

If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:

City of Austin

Planning and Development Review Department

Steve Sadowsky

P. O. Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767-8810

Fax Number: (512) 974-9104

February 15, 2015

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rogan & Andrea Giles". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rogan & Andrea Giles
1703 Vista Lane
Austin, TX 78703

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Kevin & Danielle Sweeney
1706 Vista Lane
Austin, TX 78703

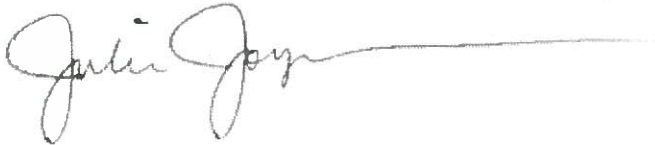
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Regards,

Derek & Julie Joyoprayitno
1707 Vista Lane
Austin, TX 78703

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Julie Joyoprayitno", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris & Amy Uglietta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" being more prominent than the last name "Uglietta".

Chris & Amy Uglietta
1710 Vista Lane
Austin, TX 78703

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Bill & Linea Renspie
1711 Vista Lane
Austin, TX 78703

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Regards,



Megan Karigan
1804 Vista Lane
Austin, TX 78703
210-857-2097



JAMES A. Halbert, IV "Trey"
512-659-1588

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Kurt & Melissa Preston', written in a cursive style.


Kurt & Melissa Preston
1901 Vista Lane
Austin, TX 78703

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'JA Halbert III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James A. Halbert, III "Trey"
1804 Vista Lane
Austin, TX 78703
512-659-1588

view of downtown Austin. There are very few historic homes left in South Austin and none at all in this neighborhood. Careful consideration should be [REDACTED]

given to preserving the house,
which is a piece of Austin's past

. Consider preserving it and
making it the centerpiece of a future development,
while
enabling development on the

remainder of the associated acreage.

Thank you,

Virginia Fleck
1900 Larchmont Drive
Austin TX 78704

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1900 Larchmont Drive
Austin TX 78704
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(512)589-6846

From: Sadowsky, Steve
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:55 PM
To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: 1805 Lightsey Rd

Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Austin, Texas
974-6454

From: Virginia Fleck
[REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:43 PM

To: Sadowsky, Steve

CC: laurie.limbacher@austintexas.gov; mary.gallindo@austintexas.gov; leslie.wolfenden-guidry@austintexas.gov; andrea.roberts@austintexas.gov
Subject: 1805 Lightsey Rd

please forward to the historical commission

Historical Commission Members,

For the past 9 years I have been a resident of the Barton Oaks Neighborhood, and for the 17yrs prior to that I was a resident of the South Lamar Neighborhood. I am writing to you today regarding the Historical Lightsey House at 1805 Lightsey Rd.

Please
preserve

this
beautiful
house, which has

significance

architecture and historical associations.

It is an
excellent example of 1930s Tudor Revival residential design, and has ties to the Lightsey family, which was very prominent in Austin as the proprietors of possibly the city's first rental car agency, as well as a large taxi company. The house has a prominent setting on the top of a hill in what was the Theodore Low Heights subdivision, and has a magnificent

From: Sadowsky, Steve
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:56 PM
To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: Demolition of 1409 Canterbury

*Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Austin, Texas
974-6454*

From: alberto martinez [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 11:34 AM
To: Sadowsky, Steve
Cc:
Subject: Demolition of 1409 Canterbury

Mr. Sadowsky, thank you for including this in your packet regarding the proposed demolition of 1409 Canterbury (HDP-2014-1117 on tonight's agenda) in East Austin. My name is Alberto Martinez, I am a member of the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning team.

I have been contacted by a number of residents in area who are opposed to this demolition and on their behalf and mine I would like to register our opposition to this demolition because of the historic significance of the house and because of the loss it would mean to East Austin and the city as a whole.

There are far too many of our old structures being torn down, many of which seem repairable. An excellent example is the house at the corner of Canterbury and Chalmers streets, where the new owners have taken great steps to bring the house back into functioning, liveable and beautiful condition.

Each time we lose one of these old homes, a bit more of our heritage is gone and is replaced with structures that are too large and completely contradictory to the neighborhood plan adopted by the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team. More often than not, they are replaced with two hulking structures that barely fit on the lot, but make the most money for the developer.

As has been painfully illustrated by the destruction of the piñata shop on East Cesar Chavez, this neighborhood is under intense pressure from developers, many of whom know, or care little about the impact they have on the quality of life of the residents.

I implore the Landmark Commission to take a stand that assures every effort is made to retain the house at 1409 Canterbury and its rightful place in the history of our neighborhood and our city.

Thank you so much for your time and your efforts.

-Alberto Martinez
512.363.6187

From: Sadowsky, Steve
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: Historic Lightsey House Located at 1805 Lightsey

*Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Austin, Texas
974-6454*

From: Sherrill Beard-Kelley [mailto:sherrill.beard-kelley@cityofaustin.org]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 8:59 AM
To: Sadowsky, Steve; Limbacher, Laurie - BC; Galindo, Mary - BC; Roberts, Andrea - BC; Wolfenden-Guidry, Leslie - BC
Subject: Historic Lightsey House Located at 1805 Lightsey

To All Concerned, and Members of the Historic Landmark Commission:

I am a local neighbor living near the historic Lightsey House, located at 1805 Lightsey. It is my understanding that it is at risk of being destroyed. I would like to voice my concern, and advocate for the preservation of this house, as it is a landmark here in south Austin with historic significance.

The Lightsey family ran an early Taxi company here in Austin in the 1930's and started possibly the first rental car business here in Austin.

At some point in time, after prohibition, some of the Lightsey taxi cabs were even brought into service for distribution, when Mr. Lightsey saw fit to enter the wholesale liquor business.

The architecture of the 1805 Lightsey house is unique in today's era of rapid development and it has stood and weathered the storms of time since the 1930's. If allowed to remain, my hope is that it be a source of inspiration and historic interest, representing the early growth of Austin, for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration for the preservation of this historic landmark. Please do what you can to assure that it remain in its current location, adjacent to the road which bears the Lightsey name.

Thank you so much for your service here in Austin.

Sincerely,

Sherrill Beard Kelley
Barton Oaks Resident

From: Sadowsky, Steve
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: Save the Historic 1805 Lightsey Homestead

*Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Austin, Texas
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From: Richard Kelley [mailto:...]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 8:41 AM
To: Limbacher, Laurie - BC; Galindo, Mary - BC; Roberts, Andrea - BC; Wolfenden-Guidry, Leslie - BC; Sadowsky, Steve
Subject: Save the Historic 1805 Lightsey Homestead

To All Concerned, and Members of the Historic Landmark Commission:

As a south Austin neighbor to the historic Lightsey Homestead, located at 1805 Lightsey here in south Austin, I would like to voice my support for the preservation of this home, to be maintained in its current location.

Not only does the home have a unique rock architecture reminiscent of days and a time long past, the Lightsey family was prominent to Austin, dating back to the 1920's. The fact that Charles Lightsey started the Lightsey Cab Company along with possibly the first Austin rental car business is significant. That Mr. Lightsey segued into the wholesale libation distribution business, utilizing some of his unused Taxis to aid with distribution, is a story that adds flavor to this area and hearkens back to an era of simpler times. The Lightseys were business pioneers in the early history of Austin.

It would be a shame to lose this iconic home, given that at some point in time, Austinites felt the road upon which the home sits, should bear the Lightsey name.

Thank you for your time and consideration for the preservation of this historic landmark. My hope is that it remain an iconic centerpiece along Lightsey road for years to come.

Best regards,

Richard Kelley
Barton Oaks Resident

From: Sadowsky, Steve
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: Save Lightsey House!

Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Austin, Texas
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jenny Melendez [<mailto:jmelendez@cityofaustin.gov>]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 7:08 AM
To: Limbacher, Laurie - BC; Galindo, Mary - BC; Roberts, Andrea - BC; Wolfenden-Guidry, Leslie - BC
Cc: Sadowsky, Steve
Subject: Save Lightsey House!

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing today to ask that you PLEASE consider saving the Lightsey House from demolition.

As a native South Austinite who is now raising my own three children in South Austin, I find that there is not much in the way of historical structures here that I can share with my kids.

The Lightsey house has SUCH rich history and belongs RiGHT where it is- Please help save this important part of South Austin history, especially since the South Austin I have lived in for 40 years has been so affected by new development.

Mr. Sadowsky, please forward to any commissioner that I have missed.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.
Jenny Melendez

From: Sadowsky, Steve
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:58 PM
To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: Preservation of the Historic Lightsey Homestead

*Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
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From: Frank Garza [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 2:02 AM
To: Sadowsky, Steve
Subject: Preservation of the Historic Lightsey Homestead

I am asking for your help in preserving the historic Lightsey Homestead which is threatened to be demolished for a development on Lightsey Rd. It is literally the historic homestead of the Lightsey Rd. namesake, founder of Austin's first car rental company, Lightsey Cab company. It is architecturally significant, and it's location is essential to its preservation as it is situated on a hilltop within the much larger original Lightsey land holding.

I am a native-born lifelong resident of Austin, as were both of my parents. My father was a friend and musician colleague of Steve Lightsey, and to this day I remain a friend of one of his sons, Jerry Lightsey.

Thank you for giving this your consideration.

Frank J. Garza
1802 Eastham Cove
Austin, Texas 78704

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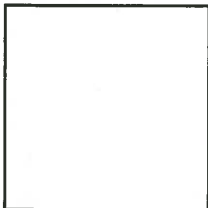
From: Adrian Nye [mailto:..]
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2015 7:51 PM
To: Sadowsky, Steve
Subject: Lightsey House

Hi Steve,

I'm writing to thank you for originally recommending historical zoning for the lightsey house in my neighborhood, and to ask why you've now changed your mind and are making no recommendation. Your original argument was very persuasive and the house's original owner was obviously an important figure in Austin's history. The current location of the house with a view of downtown is critical to its historic nature.

Also please forward this email to the members of the Historical Landmark Commission.

Thanks
Adrian Nye
1803 Larchmont Dr



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Subject: FW: 1805 LIGHTSEY,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

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From: Jerry Lightsey [<mailto:lightseyj@att.net>]
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2015 5:22 PM
To: Sadowsky, Steve
Subject: 1805 LIGHTSEY,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

MY NAME IS JERRY LIGHTSEY I HAVE LIVED AT 3011 BURNING OAK DRIVE SINCE 1966,,,,, 1805 LIGHTSEY IS PART OF MY FAMILY HISTORY,,,,,,,,, PLEASE VOTE YES TO KEEP IT ON THE HISTORICAL ROLL,,,,, I WAS BORN HERE IN 1935,,,,,,,,, MY WHOLE FAMILY HAS A LARGE ROLE IN AUSTIN AND IT'S GROWTH. 512 442 0090

From: Sadowsky, Steve
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:59 PM
To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: NRD-2015-0014 1708 W30th ST
Attachments: NRD-2015-0014 1708 W 30th St.pdf

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City of Austin, Texas
974-6454*

From: Joyce Basciano [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2015 3:39 PM
To: Sadowsky, Steve
Cc: Limbacher, Laurie - BC; 'August W. Harris III'
Subject: NRD-2015-0014 1708 W30th ST

Hi Steve,

Attached is the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association letter in opposition to the proposed design of NRD-2015-0014, 1708 W30th St for the Historic Landmark Commissioners' consideration.

Please see that the Commissioners receive the attachment. The email addresses for several of the commissioners are not posted on the city's website.

Thank you.

Joyce Basciano, on behalf of the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association.

From: Sadowsky, Steve
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To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: 1805 Lightsey - Support Historic Zoning

*Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
City of Austin, Texas
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From: oscar lipchak [<mailto:>]
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 12:20 PM
To: Sadowsky, Steve
Subject: 1805 Lightsey - Support Historic Zoning

Please support Historic zoning for property at 1805 Lightsey. It is an important part of Austin's and our neighborhood's history and character.

Thanks, oscar lipchak, 2511 del Curto Road

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oscar U.S.A. Tel# -- 830 469-1812

From: Sadowsky, Steve
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:59 PM
To: Contreras, Kalan
Subject: FW: support historic zoning

*Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
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From: ~~steves@cityofaustin.com~~
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 7:34 PM
To: Sadowsky, Steve
Subject: support historic zoning

Hello Commissioner Sadowsky,

I am a resident of South Lamar Neighborhood Association and would like to encourage you to support historic zoning.

Thank you for your attention,
Marci Roberts

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Case Number(s): HDP-2015-0071 PR-2015-008451

Contact: Steve Sadowsky, 512-974-6454

Public Hearing: February 23, 2015 Historic Landmark Commission

BRENDA COLLIER, MANAGER

Your Name (please print)

ATX INVESTMENTS LLC
1902 E. 14th ST and
1907 E. 14th ST.

Your address(es) affected by this application

Brenda Collier

Signature

Comments:

☒ I am in favor
☐ I object

2/13/15
Date

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