

**From:** [Sadowsky, Steve](#)  
**To:** [Contreras, Kalan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Demolition Permit: 1131 Mason Avenue  
**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2016 1:48:33 PM

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

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**From:** Jonathan Pecora  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 1:20 PM  
**To:** Sadowsky, Steve  
**Subject:** Demolition Permit: 1131 Mason Avenue

Hi Steve, my name is Jonathan Pecora, owner of 5007 Delores Ave #B.

My property is within the affected area of the demolition permit request for the home at 1131 Mason Avenue. I'm writing in SUPPORT of the permit request.

Given that staff is recommending to release the permit, I see no need to be there in person, but feel free to reach out if you need any more information from me.

Best,  
Jonathan Pecora  
5125857175

Sent from my mobile.

# Old West Austin Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 2724  
Austin, TX 78768

September 13, 2016

To: Members of the Historic Landmark Commission and  
Steve Sadowsky

RE: 1618 Palma Plaza, NRD-2016-0061

Dear Historic Landmark Commission Members,

The General Membership of the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA) voted overwhelmingly at the September 6th General Membership meeting to oppose the demolition request for 1618 Palma Plaza. OWANA considers this property unique as it contributes to the historic character of Palma Plaza. Built in the 1930s, it is a Mediterranean style four-plex that underwent a historic restoration in the 1980s. Other houses adjacent and across the street from it share similar Spanish-Mediterranean style architecture. This is very uncommon, and the U.S. Department of Interior notes that it is the only multifamily Spanish Colonial building in all of Austin.

This property has several large heritage trees, and OWANA would like to see development occur by rehabilitating the existing building and potentially adding on to it. The past residents included several prominent figures, including a U.S. commissioner and lawyer at the federal courthouse. We would like more time to research the history and discuss the appropriate historic treatment of this unique property.

Though in need of minor repairs, this house is in good condition. Currently, there are several tenants living in it. The building can be repaired and renovated very easily. There are many examples in the Old West Austin and Clarksville neighborhoods of buildings in similar or even worse condition that have been restored, and now contribute to the area's historic nature and are representative of Austin's past.

OWANA respectfully requests that you oppose demolition of the home and encourage the owner's to pursue other alternatives.

Thank you,



Scott Marks  
Chair

Sept. 25, 2016

2504 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.  
Historic Case #HDP-2016-0618  
Review Case #PR-2016-100770

Historic Landmark Commission:

Two of the main goals of the Chestnut Neighborhood Plan are to “Reinforce the historic and cultural character of Chestnut by identifying and designating landmarks” and to “Promote the rehabilitation of existing housing and new infill housing compatible with the old style of the Chestnut neighborhood.” In the pursuit of these goals The Chestnut NPCT supports the initiation of Historic Landmark zoning for the home at 2504 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Our diverse NPCT of over 75 neighborhood stakeholders voted to support initiating historic zoning for this home to preserve its architectural and biographical contributions to our neighborhood’s history.

Our NPCT has a long track record of finding ways to uphold our neighborhood plan while working with developers and home owners to find creative and productive solutions that enhance the fabric of our neighborhood while preserving its character and we think this is the best way to accomplish this goal for this home.

Sincerely,

Cavan Merski

Chairman, Chestnut NPCT