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Ms. Mary Jo Galindo and Historic Landmark Commissioners City of Austin P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767-8865

Re: 405 W. 14th Street

The Ida Marr Tobin House

Dear Chair Galindo and Commissioners:

My name is Gary Grossenbacher. I am writing to support the preservation and historic landmark designation of the house at 405 West 14th Street ("The Ida Marr Tobin House"). This is an important historic property and the idea of tearing it down for a parking lot is a tragedy.

I was involved with the Paramount theater preservation and 100-year anniversary celebration last year, and the Tobin house predates even the Paramount, and is a significant, well-preserved historic landmark of the era to preserve for future generations.

I am honored to support Cynthia O'Keeffe's efforts to garner community support for this designation and after hearing from her of the Tobin house's historic significance and the efforts of those trying to preserve it, I was compelled to add my name to the list of those seeking its preservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary Grossenbacher