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RE: July 23, 2018 Agenda Item D-16
C14H-1974-0025, St. Edward's University, Andre Hall Demolition

Dear Chair Galindo and Historic Landmark Commission Members,

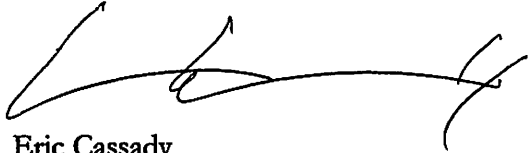
The South River City Citizens (SRCC) Neighborhood Association is recently aware of a demolition permit application for Andre Hall on the St. Edward's University campus. Upon recommendation of the SRCC Preservation Committee and a vote of the SRCC Executive Committee, we respectfully request that the HLC require that St. Edward's University make available to the SRCC, and to the Historic Landmark Commission, their master plan of the site prior to releasing the demolition permit.

Andre Hall, a mid-century structure that is in its own right, historic, may not currently be a designated historic structure; however, it is immediately adjacent to the boundaries of the University's National Register Historic District (NRHD) which contains late 19th and early 20th century buildings and features, designated in the 1970s. Both Andre Hall and contributing structures to the District are clearly visible from South Congress Avenue, one of Austin's main thoroughfares. Any building or landscape feature constructed in place of Andre Hall will potentially affect the NRHD's integrity, as well as the public's view of the NRHD.

We also understand that the University receives Hotel Occupancy Tax to maintain and enhance buildings within the NRHD, which they are eligible for due to the site's historic status. Given that public funds are being used, we request that they act with transparency by submitting for public review their development plans that may affect the University's defining National Register Historic District, and the public's view of said district.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Cassady', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Enclosure 1: Map of NRHD with Andre Hall

ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY MAIN BLDG. & HOLY CROSS DORMITORY

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----- NATIONAL REGISTER BOUNDARY

--- DIMENSIONS

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(NO SCALE)

