

Bertron, Cara

From: Angela Reed [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 3:11 PM
To: Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Brown, Andrew - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Galindo, Mary - BC; Terri Myers; Hibbs, Emily - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC
Cc: Sadowsky, Steve; Bertron, Cara
Subject: 508 Mary Demolition opposition

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to oppose the demolition at 508 Mary Street, a property contributing to the Mary Street Local Historic District.

It is very disheartening that neighbors should even have to write these letters, given that the ordinance should be effective enough that we no longer are required to fight these demolition cases house-by-house, and once again, at the 11th hour. And yet, somehow this homeowner insists on bringing the case here before you, presumably unaware of the ordinance, with some idea that the demolition can be accomplished. We neighborhood supporters, and certainly the residents of Mary Street, were told that a Local Historic District is the most effective way to preserve our quickly disappearing historic structures, and we look to you and our various City leadership to enforce this ordinance that the residents of this street voted for.

As you are aware, this neighborhood has fought long and hard for a Local Historic District as we seek tools to preserve our historic fabric, even (and especially) for our most threatened modest historic homes that maintain Travis Heights' original character. Mary Street is one of the few streets in Travis Heights that is almost entirely intact, except for one structure lost only months before the LHD was passed. Losing this house will jeopardize the integrity of this single-street district that neighbors worked so hard to protect.

I hope the homeowner can instead achieve their vision by adding on to the property using the district's design standards, as well as the tax incentives available to them should they choose to restore and renovate the house.

Thank you,

Angela Reed
1924 Newning Ave.

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From: Donna Morrow [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 5:16 PM
To: Donna Morrow
Cc: Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Brown, Andrew - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Galindo, Mary - BC; Terri Myers; Hibbs, Emily - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Sadowsky, Steve; Bertron, Cara
Subject: 508 E. Mary

This house is in the Mary St. LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT. Do NOT allow it to be demolished! The Mary St. neighborhood worked hard & long to keep the historic flavor of the street intact. This house can be restored, additions on the back side can be done without bulldozing the house.
PLEASE LISTEN TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!!

Donna Morrow
504 Terrace Dr.
78704
512-442-3669

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From: sybil reinhart [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2018 4:31 AM
To: Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Brown, Andrew - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Galindo, Mary - BC; Terri Myers; Hibbs, Emily - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC
Cc: Sadowsky, Steve; Bertron, Cara
Subject: 508 East Mary Street Demolition opposition

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing you to express our opposition to the demolition at 508 East Mary Street, a property contributing to the Mary Street Local Historic District.

As you all know, the neighborhood has put lots of efforts and a whole lot of work for a very long time to find a way to preserve the original character of our Travis Heights neighborhood.

By finally obtaining the designation of Mary Street as a Local Historic District, we were told it was the best way to preserve the rapidly disappearing historical character of this beautiful neighborhood, and we are hoping this ordinance is effective enough that we don't have to fight those demolitions over and over

We are counting on you to enforce this ordinance that we voted for....

With our thanks

Sincerely,

Sybil Reinhart & Pascal Regimbeau
506 East Mary Street

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From: Downer, Michael [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 8:55 AM
To: Koch, Kevin - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; Brown, Andrew - BC; Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Hibbs, Emily - BC; Myers, Terri - BC; Galindo, Mary - BC
Cc: Sadowsky, Steve; Bertron, Cara
Subject: Proposed demolition of 1933 house at 508 E. Mary Street

Dear Historic Landmark Commission members,

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed demolition of the house at 508 E. Mary Street. Our neighborhood worked for years to obtain the status of a Local Historic District, precisely to curtail rampant demolitions in our historic neighborhood. Now is the time to enforce the principles on which the LHD stands.

I urge you to deny the proposed demolition.

Sincerely,

Mike Downer
32-year resident of 517 East Mary St.

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From: John Tongate [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 12:10 PM
To: Galindo, Mary - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; Brown, Andrew - BC; Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Hibbs, Emily - BC; Myers, Terri - BC
Cc: Sadowsky, Steve; Bertron, Cara
Subject: B.1 - 508 E Mary St

Historic Landmark Commission Members

I am writing concerning Agenda B.1 – 508 E Mary St, December 17 Agenda. I request denial of the demolition application for 508 E Mary St in order to retain the integrity of the Mary Street Historic District. Austin has minimal post WW II architectural fabric and negligible local historic districts to retain what remains. The one 500 block of E Mary St is the only effort to retain some of the historic character of Travis Heights. Residents joined to pay the required considerable fee to enable this historic district (reportedly the highest fee among all major Texas cities) and I believe that commitment should be recognized and honored by the Historic Landmark Commission. Thank you for considering my request.

John Tongate
504 E Mary St
Owner occupant

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From: WILLIAM CALVERT [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Galindo, Mary - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; Brown, Andrew - BC; Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Hibbs, Emily - BC; Myers, Terri - BC
Cc: Sadowsky, Steve; Bertron, Cara
Subject: Demolition request for 508 East Mary Street

Dear Member of the Historic Landmark Commission,

I am a resident of the 500 block of East Mary Street in Austin. About a year ago we citizens of that block elected to place our block in a Local Historic District. I understood that that meant among other things, that the 1930 and late 1920s bungalows on our block could not be torn down and could be modified only in certain prescribed ways. We wished to preserve the character and charm of our old working class neighborhood.

I understand that now - less than a year - from forming our LHD the owner of 508 East Mary wants to tear down the house and build something else.

I urge you to deny this request for a demolition permit. If these ordinances have any meaning at all, they should NOT allow violations of their provisions.

I regret that I cannot attend the December 17th meeting, but will keep up with the proceedings.

Thank you for reading this and I hope you will take my remarks above into consideration and deny this request for a demolition permit.

William H Calvert

503 East Mary Street

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From: Gretchen Otto [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Reed, Emily - BC; Tollett, Blake - BC; Brown, Andrew - BC; Little, Kelly - BC; Koch, Kevin - BC; Galindo, Mary - BC; Terri Myers; Hibbs, Emily - BC; Valenzuela, Sarah - BC; Papavasiliou, Alexander - BC
Cc: Sadowsky, Steve; Bertron, Cara
Subject: 508 Mary St. demolition: OPPOSED

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to oppose the demolition at 508 Mary Street, a property contributing to the Mary Street Local Historic District.

I live on Mary Street two houses away from this property, and worked hard with my neighbors to achieve LHD protections. I am surprised to even see this case coming up, because the law is very clear. This property is part of the LHD and must be protected.

I only heard that this case was coming up again a few days ago, and I cannot be there in person to fight it. We were not re-noticed about the new date. Please don't take my absence as not caring about this demo. WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE OUR HISTORIC HOUSES! It's really unfair, and possibly even purposely deceitful, for the owner to first drop her case, and then ask to be added back to the agenda TWO MONTHS LATER without re-noticing the neighbors, right before the holidays.

Please do not be swayed by some sob story from the owner about how she didn't know about the LHD, or about the state of the house. It CAN be renovated and added on to, or she can sell this house and buy another one to demolish. She only recently purchased it and has never lived in it. There is no reason to make an exception in this case.

This neighborhood has fought long and hard for a Local Historic District to preserve our most threatened modest historic homes that maintain Travis Heights' original character. Mary Street is one of the few streets in Travis Heights that is almost entirely intact, except for one structure lost only months before the LHD was passed. Losing this house, right in the middle of the district, will jeopardize the integrity of this single-street district that neighbors worked so hard to protect. We look to you and our other city leadership to enforce this ordinance that the residents of this street voted for. Please follow the ordinance and vote against allowing this demo.

Thank you,

Gretchen Otto
512 East Mary Street