

1700 Pease Road  
Austin, TX 78703

January 24, 2019

Historic Landmark Commission  
Austin City Hall  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept this letter as evidence of our support for the issuance of a demolition permit for 1602 Pease Road. We are the owners of 1700 Pease Road, a newly constructed home located three doors from the subject property. We are knowledgeable regarding the concerns of the Commission and the neighborhood, having received approval in 2011 to demolish the original house at 1700 Pease Road, a house similar in age and condition to the structure at 1602 Pease Road.

We have met with the owners of 1602 Pease Road several times and are all too familiar with the foundation, drainage and age-related issues confronting them. In our opinion, the Wheelers have made a good-faith effort analyzing preservation, renovation and other remedies to the structure. Like us (and the architects and contractors that advised us), they have concluded that these options, desirable as they may be, simply are not economically feasible.

We have reviewed also the architect's design for a replacement home on 1602 Pease Road. In our opinion, the design replicates certain design elements of the existing structure and is consistent with the guidelines for the Old Enfield neighborhood. We believe the new house, and particularly its curb view, will represent a welcome addition to the street.

We are in favor of the Wheeler's application and urge the Commission to issue a demolition permit for 1602 Pease Road at its upcoming meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is on the left and appears to be 'Thomas Ricks'. The second signature is on the right and appears to be 'Patricia Ricks'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas & Patricia Ricks  
1700 Pease Road, Austin TX 78703

Diego Mendez

1515 Pease Road  
Austin, TX 78703  
737-615-843 |

January 25, 2019

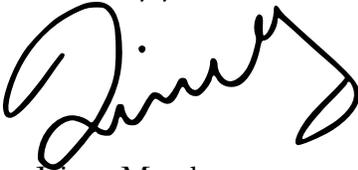
Dear Commissioners,

Please accept this letter as an indication of my support to release the demolition permit for 1602 Pease Road. I live at 1515 Pease Road in a historic landmark located diagonally across the street from the subject property. I'm familiar with the plans Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have drafted. The plans are sensitive to the style and character of the neighborhood and for this reason, I welcome this new development. Their current home on the property is in complete disrepair. In fact, they are not living in the home because of the many issues. I'm in favor of the home the Wheeler's plan to build and would ask that the Historic Landmark Commission cease further delays and release the demolition permit at the meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

As an architecture-obsessed individual, strong supporter of "Old Austin" and someone who's invested a gigantic sum of money to restore and upkeep an Austin Landmark for the last decade, I am certain that it would be a disservice to Austin Landmarks and to the neighborhoods with historic value if we allow to have homes that are in complete disrepair remain as so.

The fortune needed for a true restoration to bring a homes suitable to today's living standards, and their upkeep, for properties such as 1602 Pease Road, is not realistic, nor sustainable. If we allow these properties to remain as so, all they really do is tarnish the character of a historic street such as Pease Road and that will in fact discourage Austin Landmarks and other homes with historic value, such as mine, to continue with the never-ending expense and dedication of their upkeep.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diego Mendez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diego Mendez