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Historic Landmark Commission
Austin, Texas

Re: 809 San Marcos Street
Demolition Permit (GNDC)

Hello,

We have spent the past 40 years in the Guadalupe Neighborhood, working, living and helping our neighbors. Since then, we have restored, remodeled, renovated, and built many homes in the area.

In the late 1990's, the home (next door to 809 San Marcos) at 1000 East 8th Street caught on fire and sat for several years. That home was owned by part of the same family that lived in the home where we have raised our four boys. Unfortunately, our compadres (Godparent's to one of our boys) could not **afford** to restore 1000 East 8th and forced to sell. We spent a little over a year restoring and adding on to it (very time consuming and therefore not affordable).

While 809 San Marcos is listed as **Contributing** in the Robertson/Stuart & Mair Historical District, **we support the demolition** of the existing structure.

This would enable GNDC to erect a home for ownership for an entire family. This will be a larger **contribution**; especially, since it will be affordable and family owned!

We believe GNDC will build an affordable home that will help to preserve our neighborhood's historic character, while following the Design Standards of the Robertson/Stuart & Mair Historical District.

Thank you,
Letty and Ed McGarrah