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**From:** Rick Russell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 6:19 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** 1517 Murray Lane

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Dear Commission Members,

Old Enfield is home to some of the most historic and iconic houses in all of Austin. The Pease mansion, Butler Mansion and the stately homes that line Niles, Windsor and West Lynn are often a destination for visitors who want to get a sense of a part of Austin's past.

Nearby Murray lane is a modest street of primarily bungalow style homes from the 1920s. These houses are of appropriate size and scale for lot size. Though small in stature, these homes remain dignified and important contributors, even in the shadow of some of the higher profile homes noted.

Our 1519 Murray Lane home was in significant disrepair when purchased 12 years ago. When seeking an architect to revive the home we rejected proposals from two architects. One suggested demolition, another a severe revision and modernization. We opted for a 3<sup>rd</sup> who chose to respect the original house design. In some way, the architect seemed to let the house speak into it's future. Our strong preference – and appeal – is for the new owners to take a comparable approach and use their existing home as the starting point for future development and to not bring it down.

Our appeal to the commission is to disallow the removal of this contributing home for the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

Rick Russell

1519 Murray Lane

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**From:** Rudolf Bekink [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 4:24 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Also on behalf of Mr & Mrs Loewenbaum, our neighbors at 1708 Windsor Road, my wife Gabrielle and I would like to make our opposition known to the possible demolition of the present house at 1517 Murray Lane. Our backyards are adjacent to that property and we can see the house quite closely. Built in the twenties of the previous century, when the Old Enfield neighborhood was being developed, it is a nice example of the style of that epoch. Tearing it down would in our view be a deplorable act.

At the hearing Mr Rick Russell will have our full support.

Rudolf Bekink,  
1710 Windsor Road,  
78703 Austin (Tx)

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**From:** Sadowsky, Steve  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 3:35 PM  
**To:** PAZ Preservation  
**Subject:** Fw: 1519 and 1517 Murray Lane

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*Steve Sadowsky*  
*Historic Preservation Officer*  
*City of Austin, Texas*  
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**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 3:28 PM  
**To:** Sadowsky, Steve <Steve.Sadowsky@austintexas.gov>  
**Subject:** 1519 and 1517 Murray Lane

This message is from Kathleen Smith. [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Sadowsky,

1519 and 1517 Murray Ln. appear to be designed by the same architect. Our homes share the signature eyebrow detail and gambrel roofs. The houses paired together bring an important design element to our street, the Old Enfield neighborhood and the National Historic District.

Murray lane is a small road of 11 houses. There is a cohesiveness to it with most of the houses being built in the 1920s and 30s. They are scaled to complement one another with half of the homes being Bungalows.

I'm asking the Historic Landmark Commission to consider not breaking up this pair of homes by disallowing the demolition permit.

Photos of the houses have been sent to committee members.

Thank you,

Kat Smith

1519 Murray Lane