

## Brummett, Elizabeth

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Hello Andrew and the Historic Preservation Commission. Attached you will find my official objection form concerning the property at 1601 Brackenridge Street. Please consider the following statement my official comment regarding the matter. I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to express my opinion on preserving the history of my neighborhood and our fine city.

Sincerely,  
Jim Hightower

I am filing this as my objection to the permit for demolition of the home at 1601 Brackenridge. I believe this home is of historical significance in light of the role of William H. Davis and Lettie Webster Davis in what is now the Teas School for the Deaf. The Texas School for the Deaf and the community it has served are an important part of the history of South Congress; the Davis home at 1601 Brackenridge is an extension and symbol of that importance. Further, the Craftsman architecture exhibited by this home contributes to the architectural integrity of our neighborhood. It along with the other examples of Craftsman homes in the area work together to form a more cohesive architectural community of interest.

The home's listing as contributing to the pending Travis Heights-Fairview Park National Register Historic District makes it imperative that this home be saved from demolition. The home should be more appropriately designated as a historic landmark.

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## PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Although applicants and/or their agent(s) are expected to participate in a public hearing, you are not required to do so. This meeting will be conducted online and you have the opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the proposed development or change. Email or call the staff contact for information on how to participate in the public hearings online. You may also contact a neighborhood or environmental organization that has expressed an interest in an application affecting your neighborhood.

During a public hearing, the board or commission may postpone or continue an application's hearing to a later date, or recommend approval or denial of the application. If the board or commission announces a specific date and time for a postponement or continuation that is not later than 60 days from the announcement, no further notice is required.

A board or commission's decision may be appealed by a person with standing to appeal, or an interested party that is identified as a person who can appeal the decision. The body holding a public hearing on an appeal will determine whether a person has standing to appeal the decision.

An interested party is defined as a person who is the applicant or record owner of the subject property, or who communicates an interest to a board or commission by:

- delivering a written statement to the board or commission before or during the public hearing that generally identifies the issues of concern (*it may be delivered to the contact person listed on a notice*); or
- appearing and speaking for the record at the public hearing; and:
- occupies a primary residence that is within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development;
- is the record owner of property within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development; or
- is an officer of an environmental or neighborhood organization that has an interest in or whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet of the subject property or proposed development.

A notice of appeal must be filed with the director of the responsible department no later than 14 days after the decision. An appeal form may be available from the responsible department.

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Written comments must be submitted to the board or commission (or the contact person listed on the notice) before the public hearing. Your comments should include the board or commission's name, the scheduled date of the public hearing, the Case Number and the contact person listed on the notice.

**Case Number: PR-20-183612 - 1601 BRACKENRIDGE ST**  
**Contact: Andrew Rice, (512) 974-1264**  
**Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, Jan. 25, 2021**

☐ I am in favor  
☒ I object

Jim Hightower  
Your Name (please print)

1404 Brackenridge St.  
Your address(es) affected by this application

[Signature]  
Signature

23 Jan. 21  
Date

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to:  
City of Austin Housing and Planning Department  
Historic Preservation Office, ATTN: Andrew Rice  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767-8810  
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