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Old West Austin Neighborhood Association
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April 23, 2021

Chair & Commissioners
Historic Landmark Commission
City of Austin

HR 21-048237
1816 West 11th Street

Dear Commissioners,

OWANA's zoning committee met with the architect on this project and we voted to remain neutral. Although we were not in love with the design we were more concerned with allowing three separate units being built and used as rentals on the property. I understand that this may not fall under your purview but we felt that it would be important to document this.

The owner of the property is constructing three separate buildings: the main house, an ADU and a garage with living space above. The owner claims that he will be using this for a studio for his hobby, and we have no reason to doubt him. But in other parts of the city, particularly in East Austin, stand-alone garages with living spaces above are being built and end up used as rentals. The city does not allow three units to be built on a residential zoned lot and used as rentals.

Sincerely yours,

Rosemary Merriam
Chair, OWANA Zoning Committee