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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to oppose the demolition of 507 Leland Street, Case GF-2021-046344. As a long-time resident of Travis Heights-Fairview Park I have worked for more than a decade to help our neighborhood achieve our National Register District designation, so it is heartbreaking to see so many contributing properties in good condition, like this one, being demolished just as we are finally achieving our goal.

While this house may not rise to the status of a landmark, it is still important to the district's overall historic character and identity. It is the collection, including these working-class homes, that tell a story about Travis Heights and Austin.

This house could certainly be remodeled to increase the square footage while still retaining its historic facade. Should the owner want to use it as a rental property, they could potentially receive tax credits as a benefit of being within the historic district.

I hope the commission can persuade the owner to preserve the facade of this home, at the very least, and to help us preserve our historic neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Melanie Martinez
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