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Dear commissioners,

I'm writing to oppose the demolition of 1807 Brackenridge St. This house appears to be in fine condition, as noted in the agenda backup, and is an excellent, extant example of Craftsman architecture in Travis Heights.

I can attest to the possibilities of working with the original structure to create more space as opposed to tearing down. I am the owner of a home of similar style and vintage in the neighborhood and added a master suite, laundry and office to the rear of the house in 2016, while preserving the architectural integrity of the original house. The home was part of the 2019 Preservation Austin Craftsman home tour.

As we face what feels like an inexorable tide of housing demolitions -- one occurred next door to me last year -- and we feel the historic character of our neighborhood slipping away, I know we have few tools at our disposal to keep the bulldozers at bay. But, as commissioners, you do have the power of persuasion. Please urge the owner of 1807 Brackenridge to consider preserving the original home and building a rear addition.

Thank you,

Bob Gee  
302 Terrace Drive

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