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Hi! My name is Isabel Henderson and I'm a resident of Rosedale. I wanted to reach out about the proposed demolition of 2502 Park View Drive (Case GF-21-103669).

This house is part of Austin's Air Conditioned Village and should be preserved as a historic house. It's a unique example of midcentury architecture and represents an attempt to combine design with what was cutting-edge technology at the time (technology that contributed to the development of Austin, the state of Texas, and the Southwest).

It's been devastating to watch the houses in this neighborhood be demolished, one after the other. Sometimes it seems that there are entire blocks that are in the process of being razed and rebuilt. We have a responsibility to maintain unique historic homes (such as 2502 Park View Drive) in Austin—or we will regret not doing so, years down the line. If we don't, neighborhoods like Allandale will lose their history and charm, and start to look like any other overdeveloped, cookie-cutter neighborhood across America.

Razing 2502 Park View Drive would be a blow not only to the neighborhood but also to the design/architectural community and archive. I cannot encourage you enough to designate this house as a historic landmark, and prevent its destruction.

All the best,
Isabel Henderson

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