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Hello,

I am writing to urge against the initiation of historic zoning for the disused gas station at 1308 Lavaca St. The building is indeed old, but it does not in any way contribute to the character of downtown. It is an eyesore and entirely out of context. There is no use for this building which at once honors its origins as a chain corporate gas station and contributes to its surroundings. If it is allowed to stand, there is nobody that is going to look at it and say "I'm so glad we preserved this building." On a list of Austin icons, nobody is going to say: the Driskill, the Bremond Block, the Capitol, and that old busted-up Mobil station.

Instead, it will continue to be a useless eyesore. Even if they find a use for it, that use will be inappropriate for this portion of downtown, which is increasingly pedestrian-oriented, without the large featureless surface parking lot that this lot has. It would honestly be an embarrassment for Austin to enshrine this as one of its key shining historic landmarks.

Thank you,

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