

November 8, 2021

To: Historical Landmark Commission, City of Austin, TX

From: Brenda Adams Shepherd and Charles Shepherd Jr.

Subject: 2500 Rosewood Ave., Austin, Texas 78702 Demolition Permit

We respectfully address the Historic Landmark Commission in regards to our home at 2500 Rosewood Ave, Austin Texas, 78702. We are writing this letter to oppose the potential historic designation of this property. Our home was originally designed and built for my parents who were both professors at what is now Huston-Tillotson University. My husband and I are speaking on behalf of both ourselves as the current owners of the property as well as our family for whom the house was originally designed and built. Our family has lived in the home since it was originally built for over eight decades.

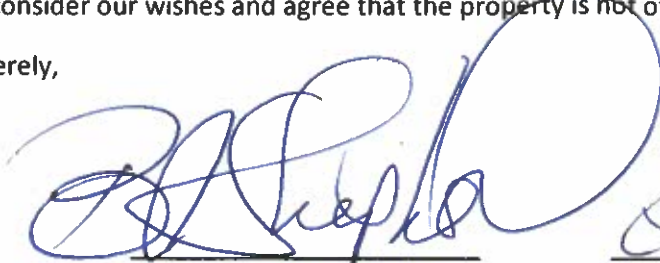
My husband and I have decided to put our family home on the market to use the proceeds from the sale to enjoy a comfortable retirement with our children and grandchildren in Dallas, Texas. Moreover, the maintenance and general upkeep of this property require labor and expenses that we can no longer afford at this time in our lives.

We understand that given the neighborhood trends and our property's current zoning of CS-MU, our property has great potential to be developed as a mixed-use building that can house many young families in the area. We are very motivated to sell to the buyer with whom we are currently under contract in order for them to develop our property to its highest and best use-providing housing for multiple area families. We also must highlight that the proceeds from this sale will allow us to pay off our existing debts and enjoy a comfortable retirement without financial concerns.

We strongly oppose the potential historic designation of this property. While we are proud of our family history, we believe that our family's legacy is not tied to a property. Our family legacy will live on in the lives of the many children and adults who were touched by my parents' teachings.

A historic designation would be detrimental to our future retirement plans and goes against the best interest of our family. We will continue to uphold and promote our family legacy, however, we ask that you consider our wishes and agree that the property is not of historical relevance.

Sincerely,



Brenda Adams Shepherd



Charles Shepherd Jr.