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Dear Commissioner,

I am so sad to see this charming duplex on a list of proposed demolitions. This is one of those homes that makes people smile and is such a special character in our historic district that people will literally cry if it is torn down. I wish it had been landmarked years ago and hope there is a chance for that now.

As you know, Travis Heights-Fairview Park finally achieved our listing as a National Register district after 15 years of struggle. I hate thinking I wasted those years, only to see this happen. Surely, there must be a way to remodel the interior to the new owners' needs without harming the facade. Ideally, keeping it a duplex would benefit our neighborhood the most, and may even be of benefit to the new owner, should they take advantage of the tax incentives available to them if it's used as a rental property. Along with our beautiful oaks, the variety of architectural styles and housing types in our community is part of its appeal.

I know it is difficult to initiate landmark status, but I believe this property meets all the criteria and is too unique to be demolished. I hope you can help the owner find a way to preserve this gem and help us keep our historic district's character intact.

Thank you,  
Melanie Martinez  
1214 Newning Ave.

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