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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6:34 PM
To: HPD Preservation
Subject: 409 E. Monroe preservation HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION REGARDING HR 2022-172625

This message is from Brenda Ladd. [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in favor of preserving 409 E. Monroe, Austin, TX 78704. This unique building offers examples of historic interest and is located on a corner with two historic homes and another home that would qualify for historic zoning.

I have lived at 1509 Newning Ave, Austin TX 78704 - less than 500 feet away for 38 years and have loved the grandeur and remarkable architecture displayed in this stately house. The very large porches reflect the days when people used them for "sleeping porches". I have read numerous other details regarding 409 E. Monroe that qualify it for historic zoning.

The current owner has been less than ethical in communication with the neighbors -not displaying the required "seeking permit" signs properly and not issuing letters to neighbors within 500 feet. When he purchased the prominent property, he said he would preserve the facade facing Monroe. He attempted demolition without notifying the neighbors! He cannot be trusted.

This house has historic significance and has provided rental units/housing for multiple people/families. This 1910 home contributes greatly to the Travis Heights-Fairview Park National Register Historic District. To recommend demolition is to ignore the community value of a rare Austin treasure.

Please honor the historic value of this home and the neighborhood.
Thank you for your deep consideration,
Brenda Ladd