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Dear Austin Preservation Office staff:

Please forward this message to Historic Landmark Commission members in advance of tonight's meeting:

Dear commissioners:

I am writing to oppose plans for 503 Terrace Drive. While it is admirable that the owners wish to preserve the original structure, the new construction as proposed -- pushed to the front of the lot -- would be wholly incompatible with the historic streetscape of this residential street of one-story bungalows. Any two-story construction should be set much farther back from the street. The house currently on the site, which does not retain original features such as windows or doors, would not be visible from the street under current plans so preserving it does nothing for the historic feel of the street. I feel it is much more important for the owners to respect the existing streetscape by situating the home farther back from the street, even if it means relocating the existing home. For a reference, please encourage the owners to look at the only other new build on the block -- currently under construction -- a one- and two-story home with the two-story portion set in the back of the lot. That home doesn't intrude on the streetscape and is sensitive to the architecture around it. I further call your attention to the fact that the current plans call for severe trimming of a heritage live oak tree to accommodate a two-story home at the front of the property.

Sincerely,

Bob Gee
302 Terrace Drive

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