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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong <u>objection</u> to the recent application for a demolition permit for the property located at 1101 Garner Ave in Austin. This property holds significant historical value and plays an essential role in preserving the rich heritage and cultural identity of our community. I urge you to reconsider the approval of the demolition permit and take into account the importance of protecting our city's historical landmarks.

The property at 1101 Garner Ave is not only a physical structure but also a tangible link to our past. Its historical significance is deeply rooted in the development and growth of Austin, as it bears witness to the cultural, architectural, and social evolution of our city. Demolishing this property would result in an irreplaceable loss to our collective history and would deprive future generations of a valuable connection to their roots.

Furthermore, the preservation of historical landmarks has been proven to have numerous benefits for our community. It enhances our cultural tourism, fosters a sense of pride and identity among residents, and contributes to the overall attractiveness and uniqueness of Austin as a city. These landmarks are more than just buildings; they represent the stories of the people who lived and worked there, contributing to the tapestry of our shared heritage.

I understand that development is crucial for progress, but it is equally important that we strike a balance between growth and preservation. I urge you to explore alternative options that could allow for the development of the property while still preserving its historical integrity. Adaptive reuse, renovation, or incorporating the historical elements into the new design are all possibilities that would maintain the character of the property and benefit both the community and the property owner.

In closing, I strongly urge you to reconsider the demolition permit for 1101 Garner Ave and work towards a solution that honors Austin's history while accommodating its future development. Your decision will have a lasting impact on our community, and I implore you to make a choice that aligns with the best interests of both current and future residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection.

Sincerely,

Daniel Foehner

Case Number: GF 23-101935-1101 Garner Ave

Public Hearing: Historic Landmark Commission, Sep 6, 2023

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