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City of Austin, Historic Preservation Office

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October 24, 2023

RE: Green & White Grocery (1201 East 7th St) request to initiate historic zoning

Dear Ms. Allen,

I am writing to petition that Green & White Grocery, located at 1201 East 7th St, be added to the commission's November agenda for historic zoning consideration.

Since its inception in 1936, Green & White Grocery served as fixture for the East Austin Mexican American community, providing it with staples and goods imported from Mexico. Its use evolved in the 1990's, to a botanica, supplying candles, charms, and other spiritual goods, with its local significance remaining.

The building itself maintains a high degree of architectural integrity. Throughout its life the owner has made few exterior changes and is committed to its preservation. I believe the site will also be favorably reviewed for its longstanding community value and demonstrated historical association.

I look forward to further discussions about the property.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaime Alvarez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "J" and "A".

Jaime Alvarez, AIA

Historic Landmark Commissioner, District 7

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