

Amber Allen  
Historic Preservation Office  
City of Austin

October 17, 2023

**RE: Green and White Grocery (1201 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.), request to consider initiation of historic zoning**

Dear Ms. Allen,

I would like to include the historic Green and White Grocery, located at 1201 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., on the Historic Landmark Commission's November agenda for consideration of initiation of historic zoning. The owner, John Cazares, has expressed support for this proposed agenda item.

Since 1940, the Green and White Grocery building has served as a long-established commercial landmark in East Austin. Honored by Preservation Austin as a 2023 Legacy Business, Green and White Grocery is one of a handful of original East Austin businesses still owned by family descendants. John Cazares has owned the botanica since 1993 and inherited the business from his father John Cazares Sr., and maternal grandfather Norberto Lopez (co-founder). Mr. Cazares has worked tirelessly to keep up with a changing community and has embraced tourists and visitors from nearby hotels and Airbnbs. Historic zoning for the Green and White Grocery building would help Mr. Cazares continue serve the neighborhood he calls home. The Green and White Grocery building was determined eligible for local landmark designation for its architecture, community value, historical association with business development in East Austin, as well as the role of small Mexican American groceries in the commercial and cultural development of East Austin. Thank you for your consideration and feel free to reach out regarding any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juan Raymon Rubio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Juan" being the most prominent.

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