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I am writing because, as a resident of Hancock since 1983, I care deeply about the character and history of Austin neighborhoods.

I support granting historic status to 701 Sparks Ave. Austin, TX. It is a fine example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, meeting the required age and architectural design criteria for historic designation. Its demolition would be a significant loss for Sparks Avenue, for the neighborhood, and for our city, architecturally and historically. It deserves to be preserved and enjoyed by future Austin generations, for residents and for visitors. Like many homes designated with historic status in Hancock and Hyde Park, 701 Sparks Avenue has much to offer the future.

Austin has grown in the decades I have lived here. However, Austin needs to preserve and value its past as it meets the needs of all of its residents.

Sincerely,  
Katherine E. Staples

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