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Hello,

I wanted to write in support of designating the house formerly at 2300 Windsor Road (now 2307, 2) a historic landmark. I lived next door to this property from 1999 to 2012. From the weekend we first moved in, the neighbors let me know that my house and especially the one next door (2307, 2) were steeped in history. I was told elements of both Kerry O'Quinn's house and mine were salvaged from both the original State Capitol and the University of Texas historic buildings.

I was also told that both the house and in particular the ornamental blue gate had significance in the LGBTQ+ community. According to the oral history passed on by my neighbors (who were mostly in their 80s) the gay community gathered at Kerry's private home for parties where they could mingle freely and out of sight. This home served as a safe place for people who felt they had to hide their true selves from public view.

I believe this place should be preserved and celebrated not only for its unique architectural heritage, but also its social heritage.

Thank you,
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