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Dear Commissioners:

I am an Austin architect and have recently become aware of the demolition application for the O'Quinn House at 2307 Windsor Road, #2.

The house's association with notable Austinites (The O'Quinns), with notable architects (Fehr and Granger) and its presence as an early Austin example of domestic Mid Century Modern architecture strongly suggest historic significance. There has been mention, too, that some of the materials used on the property were salvaged from buildings at UT and the Capitol. **For these reasons I am writing to request that commissioners consider invoking a 180 day demolition delay to allow for further research on the property or its purchase by a buyer sympathetic to preservation of the house.**

While I have no firsthand knowledge of the O'Quinn House, I have had the pleasure of guiding the renovation of Fehr and Granger's "Granger House" in Judge's Hill and subsequent work on that house and "The Perch" on the same property. Both those structures are designated Austin Landmarks and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **The significance of Fehr and Granger to Modern Movement expression in Austin cannot be overstated and it would be a shame if their O'Quinn House were lost to us before thorough investigation of its historic merit was made.**

Sincerely,
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