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Historic Preservation Office
City of Austin
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Subject: Request to consider ordinance cleanup and initiation of historic zoning for Mayer-Howse House, 810 W. 10th St

Dear Ms. Contreras:

We would like to include the Mayer-Howse House, located at 810 W. 10th Street, on the Historic Landmark Commission's February agenda for consideration of initiation of historic zoning. The owner, who has cared for the property for a quarter-century after purchasing it from the Howse family, fully supports this request.

Case history: the building was identified as a research priority in the 1984 historic resources survey completed by HHM, Inc. Three years later, it appeared at HLC for local designation consideration; however, the paper copies of records—including ordinance—of this ca. 1988-89 designation have been lost. As in 1987, the building's historical associations and architecture fulfill the criteria for local landmark designation (see attached landmark file).

Thus, the Commission requests that staff perform due diligence in correcting this administrative error and ensuring compliance with the City's existing zoning map by reinitiation of historic landmark zoning for this property. Thank you for your consideration and feel free to reach out regarding any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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