



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

January 17, 2018

STATEMENT:

TO: Michael Guarino, Chair, and Members
Historic and Design Review Commission, City of San Antonio

RE: Item No. 31 – HDRC Case No. 2017-577
Proposed Westfort Historic District

The San Antonio Conservation Society supports historic designation of the proposed Westfort Historic District. Westfort's housing stock reflects the early-20th century trend towards promoting varied architectural styles within a single neighborhood. The proposed district includes an eclectic mix of styles, including Tudor, Craftsman, Prairie, Spanish Eclectic, Folk Victorian, post-war mid-century apartments, and Neoclassical homes.

Prominent residents of the Westfort neighborhood in the 1910s included Sunken Gardens architect, C. T. Boelhauwe; Frank Scobey, director of the US Mint; and Gutzon Borglum, artist and sculptor of the Mount Rushmore National Monument.

We support historic designation to preserve this unique community.

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The Purpose of this Society is to preserve and to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs, relating to the history of Texas, its natural beauty, and all that is admirably distinctive to our State; and by such physical and cultural preservation to keep the history of Texas legible and intact to educate the public, especially the youth of today and tomorrow, with knowledge of our inherited regional values.

