



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

October 3, 2018

STATEMENT:

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

RE: Agenda Item 14 – 314 E. Ashby Place
HDRC Case No. 2018-475

The San Antonio Conservation Society supports Staff's recommendation for a finding of historic significance for 314 E. Ashby. Built c. 1922, the house combines distinctive architectural elements of an earlier Folk Victorian style with those of the Craftsman style prevalent at the time of its construction, meeting criterion 5. The house also contributes to a largely intact block of Craftsman houses, anchoring the south side of the street prior to the transition to commercial development at McCullough Avenue. These residences exemplify the expansion that Tobin Hill, a former streetcar suburb, experienced during San Antonio's building boom of the 1920s. For these reasons, 314 E. Ashby also meets criteria 13 and 11.

We commend the property owner for seeking to acknowledge and protect the historic significance of this house through landmark designation.

Respectfully submitted,

SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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