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Chair Laurie Limbacher and Commission Members
Historic Landmark Commission
City of Austin
Post Office Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767-8865

Dear Chair Limbacher and Commission Members,


The Heritage Society of Austin respectfully requests your support for the designation of the Castle Hill Local Historic District. In establishing the Local Historic District program, then later revising the nomination criteria to be more feasible, Austin's City Council has endorsed the Local Historic Districts mechanism to preserve the unique character of Austin's historic neighborhoods, and to create an alternative to the ad hoc designation of individual landmark structures. The Heritage Society of Austin prioritizes the establishment of Local Historic Districts as the best means to preserve the treasured and unique heritage of our City.

We are pleased that the Castle Hill Local Historic District has been submitted for your consideration as an exceptional nomination. The Local Historic District program has been unequivocally established, the nomination criteria is clearly stated, and the proposed district on all counts meets the criteria for acceptance. Notably, the nomination has exceeded the required 51% sign-off of property ownership. We urge you to support the affected property owner's efforts to preserve the historic character of their district.

For over 50 years the Heritage Society has been the leading protector of Austin's diverse cultural heritage through the preservation of historic treasures and places. As such, we believe that learning from and celebrating our past while planning for and creating the future enhances livability and a sense of identity.

We urge your support for the local historic district application, and thank you for your many hours of hard work to preserve what is best about Austin for future generations.

Sincerely,



Mandy Dealey
President