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Mr. Dave Sullivan, Chair
 City of Austin Planning Commission
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Dear Chair and Commission Members:

The Preservation Committee of the Heritage Society of Austin respectfully requests your support for the designation of historic zoning of 1410 Northwood Road. We believe that the architecture of the structure and the historic associations of the property meet the criteria of the Code for the designation of historic zoning.

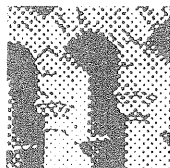
We believe that this property is also significant for its very recent history – its owners, the Pemberton Preservation Partners, took it upon themselves to pool their resources to purchase this property when it was threatened with demolition in 2005. Instead of merely protesting the demolition permit through the City process, the Partners actively found a solution by purchasing and rehabilitating the house. The product of this effort, which has served to inspire at least two other group efforts in Old Enfield and Hyde Park, is the home now before you for historic zoning.

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 historic zoning request, and thank you for your many hours of hard work to preserve what is best about Austin for future generations.

Sincerely,


 John Donisi
 President



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