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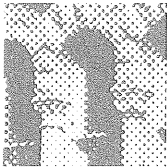
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Dear Madam Chair and Commission Members:

The Heritage Society of Austin respectfully requests your support for the initiation of historic zoning of 3200 Bowman Avenue (The Reed-Crenshaw House).

The storied history of the property and its inhabitants is well documented, and is acknowledged by the Historic Preservation Officer in his recommendation citing the "very significant historical associations" of the property. Specifically, the Preservation Committee believes the property meets the criteria of subsection 25-2-352(A)(3)(b)(ii) ("substantially associated with persons . . . of historical significance which contributed to the social . . . history of the City . . .") and subsection (iv) ("possesses value to the community because it significantly represents the . . . economic, social, or historical heritage of the City or an area of the City . . .") of the City of Austin Code of Ordinances.

Representatives of HSA were pleased to have met recently with the owners, Richard and Anne Smalling, and their counsel. While it is recognized and unfortunate that the main structure may have sustained some physical deterioration of late, the Preservation Committee encourages the Smallings to assess and consider all available options to preserve the property.

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

Sincerely,


Jacqui Schraad
Executive Director