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November 19, 2008

The Honorable Will Wynn
Mayor Pro Tem McCracken and Council Members
City of Austin
P. O. Box 1088
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Dear Mayor Wynn, Mayor Pro Tem McCracken and Council Members:

The Board of Directors of the Heritage Society of Austin respectfully requests your support for the historic zoning of the Bradford -Nohra House at 4213 Avenue G.



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Specifically, we believe 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 . . .") of the City of Austin Code of Ordinances.

While we recognize that physical changes have occurred to the façade of the house over the years, we are advised by experts that the house retains adequate structural integrity and distinctive character to allow for restoration and continued use for many years to come. The Heritage Society urges you to encourage the property owner to consider the several development options that the neighborhood has presented. These scenarios would make the property economically viable by accommodating the current family member resident while also adding additional income generating units to the property. The adoption of one of these options would prevent the loss of a contributing property to the Local Historic District which the neighborhood is in the process of formulating. With Council's endorsement of Local Historic Districts for preserving our neighborhoods, we hope that the future of this property will be considered in the light of that impending district status.

We believe the structure meets the criteria for historic zoning and the property could be developed profitably in a way that is sympathetic to the neighborhood's historic character and consistent with historic landmark zoning. As such, 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,

Julian Read

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President

cc: The Honorable Brewster McCracken, Mayor Pro Tem
The Honorable Sheryl Cole
The Honorable Lee Leffingwell
The Honorable Mike Martinez
The Honorable Laura Morrison
The Honorable Randi Shade