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May 14, 2010

The Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe & Commissioners
 Travis County Commissioners Court
 314 W. 11th St.
 Austin, TX 78701

Dear Judge Biscoe and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Heritage Society of Austin, I want to address a preliminary word about the Travis County Central Campus Master Plan.



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We are pleased to see that the Commissioner's Court is engaged in a comprehensive planning process for its central facilities. We especially appreciate the statement of Travis County staff that the plans will be made within the restrictions of the protected Capitol views. We will follow the planning process with great interest, but we want to express in this early stage our particular concern for the historic Heman Marion Sweatt County Courthouse and the other historic holdings in that area.

We are encouraged that the planners have hired Laurie Limbacher, a highly respected expert, to serve as the historic preservation consultant in this effort. In addition, we hope you also will draw upon the resources of the Texas Historical Commission, and that you will consider participating in its courthouse restoration program. We urge you to include a lively public dialogue on the historic resources potentially affected by the master plan.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and for all your ongoing work to build a great future for our city and county while respecting our valuable heritage.

Regards,


 Mandy Dealey
 President