



**HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AUSTIN URGES  
WAREHOUSE DISTRICT PETITION SIGN UP**

AUSTIN—The Heritage Society of Austin (HSA) is urging the Austin City Council to vote to protect the downtown Warehouse District, an Austin destination with a unique history and character. At an upcoming meeting, the Austin City Council will consider special protections for the Warehouse District.

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HSA has created an online petition to present to the Council at its meeting. Austinites can access the petition and add their signature at <http://savethewarehousedistrict.com>.

“The Heritage Society supports the development of downtown Austin to accommodate the city’s growing population, but we believe that the history and culture of the Warehouse District should not be sacrificed for the sake of growth. Adapting existing buildings is a much better option for the expansion and economic vitality of downtown,” said Julian Read, president of the Heritage Society of Austin.

The Warehouse District includes the area roughly between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lavaca Street to the alley between Colorado Street and Congress Avenue.

“This area is one the most thriving areas of downtown, and its success is largely based on the successful adaptive use of its historic building stock,” said Jacqui Schraad, executive director of the Heritage Society of Austin. “We support the city’s goal of urban revitalization and applaud efforts to infuse a strong residential component to downtown, but no great American city has revitalized its downtown by sacrificing its most cherished and significant historic features.”

**ABOUT HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AUSITN:**

*As a nationally recognized preservation organization founded in 1953, the Heritage Society of Austin protects the diverse architectural and cultural heritage of the greater Austin community. HSA is a proactive leader with local, state, and national policy makers and organizations ensuring that preservation is at the forefront of the public policy agenda. Backed by an effective team of board members, staff, volunteers and sponsors, HSA aims to enable all parts of the community to have an active role in ensuring that Austin's unique past is part of our shared future.*