



**HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AUSTIN VOTES NOT TO SUPPORT
EXPANSION OF GOVERNOR'S MANSION**

AUSTIN--The Heritage Society of Austin has voted not to support plans to build an addition to the Texas Governor's Mansion, as proposed by the State Preservation Board.

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The highest level of designation for preservation in the U.S. is to be designated as a National Historic Landmark. There are two National Historic Landmarks in Austin: the Texas Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol.

"The Heritage Society of Austin was the first entity to call publicly for full restoration of the Mansion--literally while the embers were still hot from the arsonist's work, and we were honored to be able to present the first funds to kick-off the fundraising effort to restore the Mansion," said Mandy Dealey, President of the Heritage Society of Austin.

"Because of the importance of the Governor's Mansion, the Heritage Society is not in support of the expansion as is currently being proposed," said Mandy Dealey. "How we as Texans treat the Mansion sets a standard and sends a signal across our state regarding the inherent value of historic landmarks and preservation of our history. The proposed addition would negatively impact the iconic and symbolic frontal view of the Mansion."

The Board of the Heritage Society has conveyed an offer to work with all concerned to explore other options to meet objectives without compromising the historic integrity of the structure.

For further information on the Heritage Society of Austin, please go to <http://www.heritagesocietyaustin.org/>