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November 10, 2020

The Honorable Dee Margo  
Mayor, City of El Paso  
300 North Campbell Street  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Re: Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

**Downtown El Paso Historic District, Roughly bound by Paisano Drive, Kansas Street, Missouri Avenue, South Santa Fe Street, and US 85**

Dear Mayor Margo:

We are pleased to inform you that a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the above-referenced property was recently submitted for review by our office. This letter serves as formal notice of the nomination from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), which is also the state agency responsible for administering the Texas Certified Local Government Program (CLG) program under state and federal legislation.

Our staff has reviewed the nomination and will forward it to the State Board of Review for their consideration and possible action at their virtual meeting on January 16, 2021. *Due to Covid-19, all in-person meetings will be suspended upon further notice.* The National Register is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation pursuant to the National Preservation Act of 1966, in the support of public and private efforts to identify evaluate and protect America's historic resources.


As a participant in the CLG program, the local historic preservation review commission, board, or committee, and the chief elected official for the City of El Paso are required to separately notify both the THC's National Register program and CLG program their opinions in regard to the nomination no later than January 15, 2021.

A copy of the draft nomination and virtual meeting information is posted on the THC website: <http://www.thc.texas.gov/sbrmeeting> We request the CLG representative to coordinate review by the landmark board in advance of the State Board of Review meeting. Compliance with the provisions of the CLG program is a state and federal obligation that could jeopardize the city's CLG status if compliance is not met.

*In addition, we invite you to attend a PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING to discuss the process of nomination and the results of listing properties in the National Register of Historic Places. The meeting will take place on December 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The virtual meeting information is posted on the THC website: <http://www.thc.texas.gov/sbrmeeting>*

Should you have any questions concerning this letter or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Gregory W. Smith, National Register Coordinator, at (512) 463-6013. For questions regarding the CLG program, please contact Lorelei Willett at (512) 463-7812. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this federal process.

Sincerely,

  
Gregory Smith  
National Register Coordinator  
History Programs Division

cc: Providencia Velazquez, CLG Representative, City of El Paso

