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March 11, 2025

The Honorable Neal Linnartz Mayor, City of New Braunfels 550 Landa Street New Braunfels, Texas 78130

Re: National Register of Historic Places nomination for Central New Braunfels Historic District, roughly bounded by S. Gilbert Avenue to the northeast, Butcher Street to the southeast, the southwest property lines along N. Academy Avenue to the southwest, the former International and Great Northern Railroad tracks to the west, and W. Zink Street to the northwest, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas

Dear Mayor Linnartz:

A valid nomination to the National Register of Historic Places was recently submitted for the above-referenced property 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 (SBR) for their consideration and possible action at their public meeting on May 17, 2025 at Fair Park Visitor Center, 3535 Grand Ave., Dallas, Texas.

In addition, we invite you to attend a public information meeting to discuss the nomination process and its implications for property owners. The meeting will take place on March 13, 2025 at 5:30p.m. in Schumann Hall at First Protestant Church, 172 West Coll Street, New Braunfels, Texas.

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 New Braunfels is required to separately notify the THC's National Register and CLG program offices as to their opinions in regard to the nomination no later than May 16, 2025.

A copy of the draft nomination and meeting information is on the THC website: <a href="www.thc.texas.gov/sbrmeeting">www.thc.texas.gov/sbrmeeting</a>. We request the CLG representative to coordinate review by the landmark board in advance of the State Board of Review meeting. <a href="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.">compliance is not met.</a>

Should you have any questions concerning this letter or if we can be of further assistance, please contact the THC's National Register program staff at <a href="mailto:nr@thc.texas.gov">nr@thc.texas.gov</a> or (512) 463-6046. For questions regarding the CLG program, please contact Kelly Little at <a href="mailto:kelly.little@thc.texas.gov">kelly.little@thc.texas.gov</a>. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this federal review process.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Tipton National Register Coordinator for Joseph Bell, Executive Director

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cc: Katie Totman, HPO, City of New Braunfels