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*Historic Fort Worth, Inc. is a  
501 (c)(3) charitable organization.*

To: The Sunset Commission

Re: Letter of support for the Texas Historical Commission

Historic Fort Worth, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charitable preservation organization, interfaces with the Texas Historical Commission staff and programs as we fulfill our mission of preserving Fort Worth's unique historic identity. We strongly support the continued mission and work of the Texas Historical Commission because they provide the resources, expertise and assistance at the state level that we need to fulfill our work at the local level. Their staff is knowledgeable and helpful on a wide variety of matters that fall into categories of education for the public on topics that include heritage tourism and capacity-building for organizations, incentives for developers and non-profits to restore Texas' historic buildings, securing historic designations, etc.

Additionally, I serve on the advisory board of the Texas Preservation Trust Fund grant program and work closely with that staff from the THC. The staff's commitment to enabling the advisory board with the information they need to make equitable and just recommendations with limited dollars to the THC commissioners is commendable. These seed grants inspire others to find additional funds to restore buildings that matter most across Texas, or to document fragile archeological sites, or to establish a community heritage program. The clear, detailed information the advisory board receives on each and every application reflects the strong work ethic of the THC staff and their commitment to the highest standards.

The Board of Historic Fort Worth, Inc. joins me in supporting the ongoing relevance of the Texas Historical Commission. Their work creates a brilliant future for the places of the past that matter most to Texans.

Sincerely,

Jerre Tracy, Executive Director  
Historic Fort Worth, Inc.