## **Communication from Public**

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Comments for Public Posting: As a neighbor on the same block of Brooks as is located the New

Bethel Baptist Church (503 East Brooks Avenue), I fully support

the designation of this church as a City Historic-Cultural

Monument. It is vital to our neighborhood (and our city) that we don't forget our roots and that we support those who are keepers

don't forget our roots and that we support those who are keepers of our history. This neighborhood, in the last 20 years, has undergone incredible changes. If the new Community Plans for Venice proceed as expected, further development pressures will make it impossible to retain any remnants of the local history. I encourage the city to work with the Church, and others in the community, to protect the important cultural buildings that reflect our diversity, so that we will never forget our collective history.