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February 25, 2017

James W. Gray  
Rialto Studio, Inc.  
2425 Broadway, Suite 105  
San Antonio, TX 78215

Re: Recorded Texas Historic Landmark & Antiquities Code of Texas project review, Fountain Rehabilitation, Thomas Jefferson High School, San Antonio, Bexar County (RTHL, NR)

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for providing notification regarding proposed project work to Thomas Jefferson High School, a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, which we received on February 7, 2017. This letter presents the comments of the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The review staff, led by Sara Ludueña, has completed its review of the project documentation provided. The Thomas Jefferson High School campus is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, exterior modifications to the structures require review by the Texas Historical Commission. The proposed improvements consist of rehabilitation and restoration of the fountain in a courtyard on the campus. This fountain, which was completed in 1936, was a gift of the school's first graduating senior class of 1932. Based upon the project documentation provided, it is our understanding that much of the historic tile, which is damaged and deteriorated, will be replicated by a local ceramic artist and replaced in kind. We understand that the depth of the fountain will be changed to comply with current codes, but we appreciate the efforts to maintain the fountain's historic appearance and to reconstruct the frog-shaped spouts on the upper tier. We find that the proposed work to the fountain is appropriate and consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this state review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Sara Ludueña at 512/463-8952.**

Sincerely,



Sara Ludueña, South Texas Project Reviewer  
For: Mark Wolfe, Executive Director

Cc: Lauren Sage, City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

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