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Historic and Design Review Commission
1901 S Alamo St
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Re: Case #2016-33688 631 Mission St. – *King William Historic District*
Certificate of Appropriateness
1. Install 16 solar panels on front and side gable
2. Install 4 solar panels behind the side gable

Dear HDRC Commissioners,

The King William Association Architectural Advisory Committee met to review the project and concurs with the OHP staff recommendation that:

1. Solar panels allowed to be installed behind the intersecting gable on the side of the historic structure that will screen the panels from view from the public right-of-way.
2. Solar panels not be allowed on the side on the roof in front of the intersecting gable in clear view from the public right-of-way.

The AAC discusses, in detail, each request for solar panels as every structure is unique in its setting and appropriateness for the application of solar panels. The photograph below demonstrates how an approval of solar panels that are visible in the right-of-way detract from the character of the historic structure and neighborhood.



Neighborhood residents are being solicited by solar panel companies, often without regard, knowledge of, or basic understanding of the rationale for historic district guidelines and standards. We hope this prior approved example is not evaluated as a precedent, but only as an unfortunate anomaly.

Best Regards,

Mickey Conrad, AIA
Chair, Architectural Advisory Committee

Harry Shafer
President, KWA Board of Directors