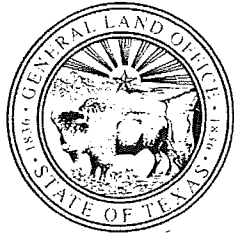


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December 4, 2012

Susan R. Snow  
San Antonio Missions National Historical Park  
2202 Roosevelt Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Snow:

I am proud to add the Texas General Land Office to the growing list of supporters for the effort to gain World Heritage status for the San Antonio Missions, including the Alamo. As owners of the Alamo Complex on behalf of the State of Texas, the Land Office is a vital stakeholder in the nomination process and is eager to work with your office, as well as other stakeholders, for a successful nomination.

Designating the Alamo and the other San Antonio Missions as a World Heritage site will not only bring a substantial economic benefit through increased national and international tourism, but will also help spur interest in Texas history right here at home. As you know, the Land Office is committed to promoting the role of the Alamo and the Spanish Missions in the colonization of Texas and the American Southwest. I look forward to working with your office toward this goal.

My staff will continue to work with you as you make progress toward an initial draft of a nomination for our review in Spring 2013. As per our discussions, I hope that the draft will address a wide range of issues important to me and to the Land Office, including maintaining state sovereignty for all property within the Alamo complex, and language ensuring continued protection for concealed handgun license holders. Upon review and approval of that draft, I anticipate the Texas General Land Office joining our stakeholder partners in a unified show of support for this nomination.

Thank you for your dedication to Texas and our unique history. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

JERRY PATTERSON  
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