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Louisville Metro Planning & Design Services
Attn: Savannah Darr
444 South Fifth Street, Suite 300
Louisville, KY 40202

RE: 1202 South 3rd Street, Louisville
in the Old Louisville Residential District

Dear Ms.Darr:

We wish to express our opinion that 1202 South 3rd Street, Louisville, meets the National Register eligibility criteria. The property currently is within the Old Louisville Historic District (listed 1975, and expanded 1984), but was designated a non-contributing property due to its age at the time of listing. The property could qualify for National Register listing through updating the district's Period of Significance, a routine way for this office to extend National Register benefits to properties after sufficient time has passed. A second method of accomplishing National Register listing would be to nominate the property individually. A recent listing of a Louisville property, Miller Paper Company Buildings, at 118-122 East Main Street, demonstrated the eligibility of Art Deco styling within Louisville's design landscape.

We request that this letter be presented to Metro Landmarks Commission at an upcoming meeting where the question of 1202 South 3rd Street will be heard. At the September 14, 2016 meeting of the Old Louisville Architectural Review Committee, my office's position on the property's Art Deco styling was not conveyed accurately. This office's views on the property were relayed from a phone conversation that did not involve images of the property. Since that conversation, important information about the identity of the architectural firm designing the property's façade, and the building's design significance, has been presented to my office. The new information supports our conclusion of eligibility.

We thank you for forwarding our views to the Commission.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Potts
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State Historic Preservation Officer

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