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Cynthia –

I’m writing with reference to the Landmarks hearing tomorrow for the Odd Fellows Building (20-LANDMARK-0001).

I know, from the last few years’ discussions about the block that the Omni controls, that this building’s future is at risk and that landmarks designation will be only a small disincentive, but I do think that it could be a meaningful one – a chance for the community’s representation on the Landmarks Commission to express that we value this building.

The Odd Fellows Building is an important part of the built legacy of the city, part of what defines the character of our downtown. It could be a positive addition to an infill development on the southern section of its block.

Reasons for potential removal would primarily be that it’s an inconvenience to fit it into a new design, not that the building is beyond saving. The building appears to be of greater soundness and integrity than many renovations in which I’ve been involved in the past. Any inconvenience in designing to integrate it would be offset by the design value that it brings to the streetscape.

Bottom line: This elegant structure is worth keeping and it merits landmark designation as a way of showing that it’s valued by the community.

Thank you!

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While continuing to follow the recommendations of Governor Beshear and public health officials, some Studio Kremer staff have returned to the office.

Even as we come back, though, we are limiting face-to-face interaction and visitors to the office.

We’ve learned over the past several weeks how effective many of our communications can be when simply handled by email, telephone, or video conference.

The following is how we'll manage office visits for the near future:

- If you need to pick up or deliver documents, we will meet you at the door.
- If you need to visit in person, please call ahead - (502) 499.1100, and press 9 so that we can coordinate the presence of staff and others.
- All visitors will be required to wear a face mask. We will wear ours, too!
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Thank you! Stay healthy!