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Please add my support for the landmarking of this Irish Hill “already a landmark” distillery structure, listed on the National Register and a literal cornerstone of the intersection upon which it sets.

Nothing tells the story of our extensive and diverse history in liquor better than the remnants of that history - the buildings that exemplified the trade. The building lends itself to a host of adaptive reuses, following other sites on the long Bourbon Trail.

Ft. Nelson Building: I was there when the back wall caved and I was nearby when the inner staircase collapsed upon development staff. Now Michters.

Old Forester in Whiskey Row: abandoned, collapses in the block, fire. Now open for tourism.

Stitzel-Weller in Shively: closed in 1972 but is now a tourism destination for the Buleitt Frontier Whiskey Experience.

Neighborhoods across our city have been home to distilleries and many are adaptively reused by visionary people. This one was listed on the NR in 2014; somebody intended to utilize the structure and now it sets in the usual condition of abandoned.

Context and history are important to all urban neighborhoods. One only has to look across the street to understand we build cheaply and poorly and forgettably.

The Bourbon “experience “ is where you find it and you cannot separate the buildings from the trade or the trail.

Landmarking is a people’s process and the people of Irish Hill have made this request. Harvey Sloane wouldn’t recognize his “power to the people” creation, now subject to politics over public will.

I support the continued efforts of neighborhoods being the voice of their own destiny. Our bourbon history is inseparable from the buildings that serve it.

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