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Cynthia,

I am writing you to add my name to the list of citizens in favor of Historic Landmark Designation for the Odd Fellows Hall in downtown Louisville.

Although this designation now carries little weight with a current city administration seemingly hell bent on demolishing nearly everything of architectural significance to the altar of new development, I feel granting Odd Fellows Landmark status may somewhat help it avoid the Urban Renewal fate that has befallen of much of downtown Louisville's 19th and early 20th Century Architectural fabric.

In addition to being a structurally sound, architecturally significant structure, Odd Fellows is an important reminder of the role that fraternal organizations played in the city's ethnic, racial, religious, charitable and patriotic life in the 1880's.

As a practicing architect, I strongly feel that this building could easily be incorporated into any new development planned for the mostly vacant site that currently (and sadly) surrounds the building. Any Developer and/or Architect who claims otherwise is lying.

Thanks for your help in this matter. Please preserve Odd Fellows.

Regards

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