From:

Ben Helms <benhelms09@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, July 30, 2019 2:32 PM

To:

Darr, Savannah

Subject:

2914 S 3rd St & 2911 S 4th St/ 19DESIGNATION1000

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Ms Darr,

I received a notice in the mail regarding the above mentioned properties and their landmark designation.

I will likely not be able to attend the meeting regarding get this issue, but I want it to be known that I fully support designating these properties as individual landmarks so that their beauty and historical value may be preserved for many generations to come.

I am the owner of residential property at 2925 S 3rd St, 2903 S 3rd St (where I lived for over 7 years) and 2724 S 3rd St. Between those three properties, I have invested over \$750,000, more than half of which is money that was spent on renovations, thus further improving the neighborhood. I plan to keep these properties for the foreseeable future, and even obtain more if possible because I love the charm of the area and especially buildings like the church. I mention this because I want to highlight that not only do want what's best for the neighborhood because of my investments, but I also want to keep and protect the structures that make the area unique.

Best,

Ben Helms

Ben Helms, Realtor®
United Real Estate
Cardinal Property Management
(502)777-7517

From:

Deborah Williams-Smith <angelicascharitybracelets1@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2019 3:27 AM

To: Subject:

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Dear Ms. Darr:

I am writing to oppose the demolition of the former Holy Name Catholic School and the former Holy Name Convent located on South 4th Street in Louisville (19Desgnation1000). Both buildings have been and continue to be important landmarks in the South Louisville community.

My first visit to Holy Name Catholic School was in the summer of 1975. I still remember to this day, being five years old and climbing the front steps of the school with my parents who were going to take a tour of the school and enroll me for the upcoming school year. I can still picture going into the foyer, waiting for the principal, seeing the large crucifix and looking down a long, dark hall to see the outline of a nun carrying some papers into her classroom. I would have never dreamed at the time that I was seeing someone who would become a lifelong friend to me and my parents. Sister Catherine Lucille, a name long associated with discipline and running a no-nonsense classroom, became a friend whom I would visit until she passed from this world.

I attended private schools for all twelve years of my elementary and high school education. I attended Holy Name for all eight years, and my mother has remarked that Holy Name was the best tuition money they ever spent. We did not just grow academically; we grew spiritually. We grew to understand different opinions in the world; we were taught to think, and as Sister Catherine Lucille once told our class, "You should learn something new every day."

So upon taking her advice, I learned that the Holy Name School was an early architectural work by James J. Gaffney. (Source: Louisville Magazine August 2019). While researching the work of Mr. Gaffney, I discovered his outstanding architectural accomplishments can also be found in Louisville by visiting Holy Name Catholic Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church, many homes in the historic Highlands district, the Marmaduke Building, Adath Jeshurun Temple and School, and Waverly Hills Tuberculosis Sanitarium among many other time-tested, long-lasting structures. I feel just for this reason alone that the school building should be preserved.

How many places in Louisville can a person visit that has a campus that features Romanesque, Gothic and Classical Revival styles of architecture? I have recently visited the Holy Name campus. The exterior of the buildings slated for demolition appears to be in good shape. The beautiful glazed yellow brickwork of the former convent still gleams, and the beautiful edging of the school remains intact, a standing testament to the detail and craftsmanship of the time.

As a person who owns a home nearing ninety five years old, I can attest that these buildings and homes are built to last.

Thousands of students have entered the doors of Holy Name Catholic School and entered the world as caring, educated individuals ready to serve the community and leave an impact upon the world. I ask you to let the buildings stand, as not only a testimony to those moments in time, but as a source of future good that can come from these buildings. Many former schools in South Louisville have been turned into senior housing, affordable housing and are a way for those who may find themselves in a vulnerable housing situation to have a home. The possibilities are endless on the opportunities that these historic buildings could be used for in our community. I would gladly offer time to help fund raise to restore the structures.

As a student of Holy Name Catholic School, I was always taught to be appreciative of what I have, to use resources wisely and to not waste. This is what I am asking when I request the former convent and school not be demolished. The buildings are there; there is a way to use them and not waste. Let us as a community of mothers, fathers, neighbors and former students come together and save these buildings. Let new life be breathed into these buildings so they can continue to touch future generations.

"In the end, the character of a civilization is encased in its structures." -- Architect Frank Gehry

Thank you, Deborah Williams-Smith 4541 South 3rd Street Louisville, Ky. 40214

Holy Name Class of 1983

From:

Luckett, Jay P

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:02 PM

To:

Darr, Savannah

Subject:

FW: HOLY NAME

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From: Suzanne Hurst [mailto:shurst27@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:35 PM

To: Luckett, Jay P Subject: HOLY NAME

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Please add my name to the list of preservationists who wish to save Holy Name School and Convent. Louisville has already lost too many historic buildings! For a parking lot??? That would truly be a disgrace to our community. I don't think it would even be "on the table," were it in the East End. It is a historic site in the South End, and should be preserved.

Suzanne Hurst

From:

Luckett, Jay P

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2019 1:21 PM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Holy Name Convent

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From: Emily Skinner [mailto:emjskinner@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:44 PM

To: Luckett, Jay P

Subject: Holy Name Convent

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Mr. Luckett,

I am writing to note my support for saving the Holy Name Convent and grade school from demolition. Catholic Charities does amazing work, but these historic structures do not need to be torn down for parking. I would like my name to be added to show my support for saving these historic sites at next week's Landmark Commission Meeting. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Emily Skinner

From:

Rob Monsma <monsma.rob@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2019 3:11 PM

To:

Darr, Savannah

Subject:

Landmark Holy Name

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Savannah,

I wanted to reach out and voice my support for designating Holy Name Convent & Grade School a landmark and preserving it from demolition. As I know you are aware, historic buildings such as this are integral pieces of the community fabric and cannot be replicated today or any time in the future with current preferred construction methods. I strongly support any effort to preserve this building from a shortsighted fate. Thanks for your time and energy on the matter.

Best, Rob

From:

Luckett, Jay P

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2019 3:54 PM

To:

Darr, Savannah

Subject:

FW: Convent, Grade School, Rectory, and Church

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From: Chris Payne [mailto:cpayne@snainsurance.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 3:42 PM

To: Luckett, Jay P

Subject: Convent, Grade School, Rectory, and Church

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I would like to voice my support for making the Convent, Grade School, Rectory, and Church on S 4th Street a local historic preservation landmarks which will stop Catholic Charities from demolishing the buildings. I believe preserving these historic structures are important for our city. I find it appalling that the proposed demolition is to make room for unneeded parking space.

Thanks.

Chris G. Payne, CLCS | SNA Insurance | p 502-243-2234 | f 502-243-2235 | www.snainsurance.com

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From: Sent: Jean Christensen <jmchri@gmail.com> Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:35 PM

To:

Darr, Savannah

Subject:

Landmark designation for Holy Name School and Convent

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Dear Ms. Darr,

I wish to be counted among the persons who would support a landmark designation for Holy Name School and Convent. Please count me and my husband, Jesper Christensen, among the supporters.

We live in Old Louisville and have been gratified and rewarded with the protection offered by the Landmark Designation. These buildings, esp those in decent condition, should be retained, restored if necessary and repurposed with as little alteration as possible since the architecture both inside and out are of a whole. The proposal of providing housing for low income residents would be especially welcome.

Thank you for your attention,

Jean and Jesper Christensen 1465 S 2nd St Louisville, KY 40208

From:

yolanda <cnlci1600@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:48 PM

To:

Luckett, Jay P; Darr, Savannah

Subject:

Support Landmarking Holy Name in South Louisville and OpposeDemolition

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I want my support to be put on record:

I support Landmarking the Holy Name School and Convent.

The Holy Name Convent & Grade School should be save from being torn down to make a parking lot for Catholic Charities of Louisville.

I OPPOSE demolition of Holy Name properties to build a parking lot.

Ms. Yolanda Walker

President

California Neighborhood Leadership Council Inc.

Dr. Michael L. Brooks

CEO & Founder

California Neighborhood Leadership Council Inc.

Contact Information:

Email: cnlci1600@gmail.com

Facebook: California Neighborhood Leadership Council Incorporated

Telephone Number: (502) 771-5745

Please leave a message along with contact information and we respond promptly.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:

jmft@bellsouth.net

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2019 11:56 PM

To:

Darr, Savannah

Subject:

Holy Name

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No rational person would condone destruction of this historic building unless they're hand is in the pocket of a developer. This smells of a skunk.

P. S: I restore historic buildings, so don't try to tell me that it is not restorable. Sent from my LG Mobile

From:

Dan McCarthy <zorrodan@twc.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 7:31 AM

To:

Darr, Savannah

Subject:

Holy Name

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We support landmarking the Holy Name church and convent. To demolish it to build a parking lot ridiculous! It is also an insult to the southend and the people who were for many years a part of the church. Too many historical structures have already been demolished.

Dan and Judy McCarthy

From:

Ford Smith <fordtsmith@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 8:03 AM

To: Subject: Darr, Savannah 19Desgnation1000

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I teach art history at Jefferson County High School. In the past, I used photos from Holy Name in my courses to teach students about the three basic types of Catholic churches from the past. Holy Name school has Gothic arches and windows, meaning that they are not round, but pointed at the top. The Gothic windows contain stained glass in Holy Name Church. The walls use attached (not flying) buttresses to support the weight of the walls and resist the outward thrust on the walls created by the roof pressing down from the interior. The windows of the church are Romanesque, meaning that they are perfectly rounded, not pointed, and the round top portion forms a circle with a flower-petal design. Above the double oak doors is a semicircular area called the tympanum; at Holy Name, the tympanum is decorated with a mosaic (image created of many ceramic fragments) forming the words "Church of the Holy Name." The curved stones that form the arches are called voussairs; at Holy Name, most of the voussairs have a Greek cross (all four arms are the same length), but the centerstone of each arch is larger, and they have a Latin (Roman) cross (the bottom arm is longer). Looking down on the building as a whole (the God might look down upon it from Heaven), you will see that the building of the church forms a cross with the feet of the cross pointing to the East, toward the Holy Land; the south east corner houses the bell tower, used to call the faithful living in the area when the church is open. The interior of the church differs from the exterior; it shows Byzantine influences, the oldest style of Catholic church. My point is this: This set of buildings is more than just some property owned by the church; they are actual historic pieces of our heritage, a combination of differing styles, blended together, much like our community; these buildings symbolize the rich history, not only of the development of the Catholic church over the centuries, but of South Louisville as well. The various styles work together to create a pleasing, unique blend not found elsewhere. Here we see Romanesque, Gothic, and Byzantine styles all melted together in a work of art. "They don't build them like they used to" is literally true here: The workmanship cannot be easily replaced, and the architectural elements are an excellent source for teaching about our past. The features of these buildings offer students of art history a real example of our cultural heritage. Every corner, every stone, every piece of colored glass has a purpose here, and those are the lessons these pieces of architecture continue to teach. These buildings were deemed worthy of preservation on May 13, 1982 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Please, allow these structures to be purchased and cared for by a developer who will cherish their past, and preserve what is already created; do not replace these historic icons of South Louisville with a utilitarian processing plant for Catholic Charities. Don't destroy art for the sake of profit; instead, protect our past.

Respectfully, Ford Smith

From:

Jeff Underhill <jeff@uhill.org> Friday, August 23, 2019 8:30 AM

Sent: To:

Darr, Savannah

Subject:

Landmarking Holy Name

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I support Landmarking Holy Name .

These wonderful buildings are important contributors to our community and should not be sacrificed for a parking lot . Jeff Underhill

Sent from my iPhone

From: Luckett, Jay P

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 9:04 AM

To:Darr, SavannahSubject:FW: Holy Name

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From: Todd Underhill [mailto:gtu@uhill.org] Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 8:44 AM

To: Luckett, Jay P Subject: Holy Name

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Jay-Please do not demolish. We need to preserve our History, where possible. Thank You.

Todd Underhill

From:

Patrick Smith <communityresearch@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 9:34 AM

То:

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Subject:

Landmark Holy Name School and Convent.

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I support support Landmarking the Holy Name School and Convent. I oppose demolition of the Holy Name School and Convent.

Pat Smith (502) 424-3735 @cityresearch

From:

Debra harlan <debraandted@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 9:44 AM

To:

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Once again the community must object to a needless waste of built environment-built no less by the amazing local architect JJ Gaffney-whose works grace this community in both residential and ecclesiastical structures, as well as Waverly Hills, an internationally known Gaffney.

St James Church, the synagogue on Jacob, and Holy Name are among his genius, as well as Unity Temple on Brook. No other architect speaks local to me like Gaffney.

Having needlessly lost the Morrisey Garage to (irony of ironies) parking for a numbingly boring hotel, I see no reason to continue this madness by tearing down intact reusable structures for of all 1950's reasons-surface parking. Excess surface parking when nothing but parking abounds. And by all means let's "build a wall" around said parking! You cannot hide sin with a wall.

Here's my random list of institutional structures reborn as unique new uses, some of which were my projects of the past.

Marcus Lindsey Church, East Main. Housing and event space when renovated. No surface parking. Spurred redevelopment of the vacant land adjacent which has been completely developed. (Landmarked)

As an offshoot the church at Market and Hancock is being repurposed as well. No buildings will be lost to provide parking, because parking is a non event here. The street takes care of its own.

Roosevelt School, N 17TH St. Rear parking area off site now being infilled. Original school and mid century additions repurposed for housing.

The facade of the school collapsed during renovation. We put it back. (Landmarked)

Manly Jr High School and it's lone survivor the Dance Council building were repurposed as housing back in the 1980's and were my neighbors for almost 25 years. One small existing lot serves. (Landmarked)

Male High School has been adaptively reused for a number of uses and spurred further new construction. (Landmarked)

Stoddard Johnson School-housing.

Lourdes Hall around the corner- elderly housing.

Cochran School on Kentucky St: multiple reuses for decades. (Landmarked)

The Cloister, East Chestnut-an early adaptive reuse for indoor shopping and a restaurant. Now housing and an opportunity. (Landmarked)

Joe Ley Antiques-a rare school example maintained as a premiere antiques mall for fifty years. (Needs landmarking)

St Philip Neri Church- repurposed all buildings and church building still in use. Prevented the glass from being removed for a new build elsewhere.

(Landmarked)

St Paul's Church complex-East Broadway-reused as medical offices. In need of new tenants. (Landmarked)

Mary D Hill School-rare example with long term adaptive reuse as offices. (Landmarked)

Church on Bardstown Rd-recently repurposed as apartments and a Mexican restaurant.

And a few Gaffneys- Wiltshire Café, a thriving local business serves food daily on Barret Ave in a corner commercial building. The entire facade comprised of Gaffney's signature brick was taken down and relaid after water damage was detected. Nearly zero parking.

Unity Temple, Brook St-now being repurposed for a non religious use. St James complex-in use. Minimal parking.

If you want to see the result of "planning for parking" there's no greater example than Spalding University-a commuter school dedicated to surface parking and fallow grass to the point of ridiculousness. We've lost over ten major landmark structures to this folly, and the lack of connectivity has stunted growth all around this sad heat island of asphalt. I've watched every single one come down for parking. It's a grim experience made grimmer with each acquisition. Spalding is a lesson in 1960 urban waste.

And finally Assumption High School.

Tore down a historic log building and its attendant hand cut limestone wall for asphalt and no code enforcement for screening, replacement of sidewalk, or tree installation. And this is a school on a busy corridor. Dangerous ugly and wasteful. What a legacy. Park car and die crossing street.

Institutional memory is both a blessing and a curse. We have even more examples to name of successful conversions throughout this city. To bow to the god of surface parking in an age when we should be purposefully moving toward gutting parking minimums altogether is anothema to me.

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Landmark the complex now.	
Respectfully submitted,	

Debra Richards Harlan

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Nicholas Seivers < nicholasseivers@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 10:03 AM

To: Subject:

Darr, Savannah Holy Name School

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Good morning Ms Darr,

I support landmarking the Holy Name School building. Such a wonderful and unique contribution to the urban neighborhood. I have always loved the orange glazed brick and the eccentric aesthetic.

Respectfully

Nicholas Seivers AICP

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Nicholas Seivers AICP MCRP nicholasseivers@gmail.com 502.432.8483

From: Wes Grooms <charleswgrooms@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 10:05 AM

To: Darr, Savannah

Subject: Holy Name School and Convent

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Dear Ms. Darr

I am writing to ask that the Holy Name School and Convent be landmarked. Thank you.

Charles W. Grooms Louisville KY 40205

Sent from my iPhone

From:

William Bonny <bonnyhind@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 10:10 AM

To:

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Savannah Darr

I support giving landmark status to the Holy Name School and Convent. We should maintain and restore existing structures rather than clear the way for parking lots. Creating parking lots is a short-sighted and inefficient endeavor. We love Louisville.

thanks for your time.

Joseph W. Oldham 40206

From:

Shawn O'Donnell <shawnkodonnell@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 10:15 AM

To:

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Hi Savannah,

Writing to let you know I support landmarking the Holy Name School and Convent. Please protect Louisville's historic structures, they are what makes Louisville beautiful.

Thank you, Shawn O'Donnell

From:

Clifton Elliott <cliftongelliott@gmail.com>

Sent:

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Ms.Darr,

I'm writing to inform the Landmarks Commission of my support to landmark the Holy Name School and Convent. I lived on South 3rd Street about a block away from it for about ten years and always found it (and the church) to be a cornerstone of the neighborhood's historical character. As the area surrounding UofL and Churchill Downs continues to be razed for parking and development, it is crucial to retain buildings such as the Holy Name School and Convent.

Best regards,

Clifton Elliott 40205

From:

Dan Borsch <d_borsch@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 10:22 AM

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I am writing in support of Landmarking the Holy Name School and Convent.

Sincerely, Daniel Borsch 40204

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Ben Phelan <phelan.ben@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 10:34 AM

To:

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I strongly support according landmark status to the Holy Name School and Convent and oppose its demolition.

Best,

Ben

From: ALICE GUNNISON <agunnison@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 10:57 AM

To: Darr, Savannah Subject: Holy Name

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I support Landmarking Holy Name. If it meets criteria I am all for it. Alice Gunnison 7849 Wolf Pen Branch Rd 40059 Jefferson County

From:

Kevin Oberhausen < kevin.oberhausen@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 11:06 AM

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Catholic Charities Buildings

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Please know that there is a lot of support in the community to save the buildings on S.Fourth Street that Catholic Charities seeks to demolish. I've long admired both structures, and the reasons they give for demolishing make zero sense. With the money they plan to spend on their project, they could easily rehab both buildings, maintaining the historical fabric of the surrounding neighborhood. It's bad enough what the city has allowed Churchill Downs to get away with in this area, please stop Catholic Charities (which I may add I respect in so many other ways), from demolishing these vital historical structures.

Louisville is too quick to tear away at the urban fabric of my city. How this project on FOURTH STREET OF ALL PLACES, has a chance of succeeding is a travesty. A connector from our largest tourist attraction CDowns to our downtown, and we're entertaining the thought of ripping down structures of the like which will never return? Our entire code for dealing with such things should be revamped so developers never even ponder outrageous demolitions such as these.

I respect the work of Catholic Charities, and have even done outreach work there myself, but they are so wrong about this plan. Please stop this dead in its tracks, for inaction will amount to another great Louisville architectural loss.

Kevin Oberhausen

40217 Resident

Metro Government Employee

Former Assistant Director of the Backside Learning Center at Churchill Downs

From:

Jackie Cobb < jackiercobb@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 23, 2019 11:24 AM

To:

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Savannah,

I support landmarking the Holy Name School and Convent.

Please let me know you've received this message at your convenience.

Thank you, Jackie Cobb

From: Ted Stone <5thmortonstone@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:26 AM

To: Darr, Savannah Subject: Holy Name

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Savanna- I want to express my support for landmark status for Holy Name. Thanks and Regards. Ted Stone

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From:

Steve Sizemore <stevesizemore73@gmail.com>

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Savannah,

I would like to express my concern for Catholic Charities intent to demolish the existing building at the Holy Name School site on S 4th Street. It is short-sighted of CC to pursue this plan and against the vision and character for the urban corridor. I strongly encourage the Landmarks Commission to pursue landmarking the Holy Name School and Convent. Thank you,

Steve Sizemore 1030 S 5th St. Louisville, KY 40203

From:

Rollins/White <hdrctw34@bellsouth.net>

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Landmarking Holy Name Convent & School bldgs.

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I am writing this quick note to place my voice in the record that I support Landmark designations for both the Holy Name Convent & School buildings on South Fourth St near Heywood Avenue. Please so inform the Landmarks Commission. -Thank you.

Christopher T. White 119 West Ormsby Ave. Louisville KY 40203

502-637-2476

From:

Cynthia Cooke <cynthia.cooke@bashfordmanor.com>

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Regarding the South Louisville buildings: Demolishing 2 historic treasures for parking that is not needed is counter to all this community values. This demo should not be allowed as it's not necessary!

Best, Cynthia 502.295.9005