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PK Letter of Support for Landmarking Liberty Hall "Odd Fellows Building" Subject:

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Louisville Metro Historic Landmark and Preservation District Commission 444 South Fifth Street

Third Floor

Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: Liberty Hall "Odd Fellows Building" Local Landmark Designation

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Preservation Kentucky in support of a local landmark designation for the historic Liberty Hall "Odd Fellows Building" at 211-215 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard in downtown Louisville.

The historic Odd Fellows Building, constructed in 1897 by the Liberty Hall Association, is an important Late Victorian era building in Louisville's central business district and significant for its location, architectural design, materials, workmanship and social history.

We respectfully ask that you affirm a local landmark designation for the Liberty Hall "Odd Fellows Building." Local landmark

designation acknowledges the importance of and respect for Louisville's heritage and the historic buildings that make Louisville

the special community that it is. Keeping Louisvillians connected to their heritage is critical to the identify, continuity and

community of the city, and preserving historic architecture is paramount to the integrity of Louisville's history.

People want to experience the interesting places that we preserve, but you cannot recreate the place created by historic

buildings. Once they are lost, so is the connective fabric of our heritage and the places that distinguishes Louisville. Through

Becky Eblen **Membership Manager** historic preservation a community expresses its diversity, identity, individuality and the elements that make it different and distinguish it from others.

232 West Main Street, Unit 1 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Louisville has lost far too many historic buildings—most of which could have been preserved and repurposed for new uses. Please do not contribute to the disappearance of Louisville's heritage and deprive residents, tourists and visitors to Louisville the opportunity to experience the treasures, assets and places that we value and that define us.

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Preserving Kentucky's Heritage Through Advocacy, Education and Sustainability

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Hi Ted and Betsy,

Thank you for your email. I will include your letter of support in the record for the case 20-Landmark-0001.

Hope you both are doing well and staying safe.

Take care, Cynthia

Cynthia Johnson Elmore Historic Preservation Officer/Planning and Design Supervisor Planning & Design Services 502.574.2868

From: Ted Stone <5thmortonstone@gmail.com> **Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 3:11 PM

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An obvious candidate for Landmarking and vitally important based on what has preceded it. I trust the research has been thorough. It remains to act. Thank you for continuing to do the hard work of preservation.

Ted Stone Board Member, Preservation Kentucky

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