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Council Member Cramerding

City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

**Re: Official Position of the West Price Hill Community Council
Local Historic Designation – Schulte Mansion, 4122 Glenway**

Dear Council Member Cramerding:

I write to you on behalf of the West Price Hill Community Council to reiterate our firm position that Cincinnati City Council should declare the Schulte Mansion in West Price Hill a local historic landmark. We have seen

firsthand the demolition of too much of our historic fabric here in West Price Hill and other West Side Neighborhoods. Like St. Mark's Church in Evanston, this Westside landmark is worth saving.

There are many facts that support the designation of this property as a historic landmark. Indeed, the official position and recommendation of Beth Johnson, the City's own official historic conservator – a neutral position within the City Administration who is tasked with safeguarding the preservation of Cincinnati's historical treasures – was to support the application to make the Schulte Mansion a local historic landmark. This was also the position of Paul Muller of the Cincinnati Preservation Association. You have before you recommendations from two of the foremost experts in this City as it relates to historic preservation!

The Schulte Mansion is a significant part of the historical and architectural fabric of our community that should be preserved. It is the only one of its kind in West Price Hill. Please consider the unique architectural details, value, and rich history that this building has for our community and let it continue to stand so that we can work towards a more useful purpose for it with our community development partners.

The WPHCC is aware that the prospective buyer of the Schulte Mansion – the Boys & Girls Club – has stated their intention to demolish the property for their new workforce development site for teens. However, this is not an either/or situation. It is abundantly possible to a) save the Schulte Mansion by declaring it historic – and b) to help BGC develop an adjacent site by closing Dewey Avenue and building off of their current site.

The point is this: Our historic properties in West Price Hill deserve saving, and if ever there was one in this community that warrants the City's local historic designation, the Schulte Mansion is it. The WPHCC will work diligently with the owner of the Schulte Mansion, the City, and Price Hill Will to help breathe new life into it for a renewed purpose. Likewise, we will work with the Boys & Girls Club, a valued community partner, and asset, to secure suitable vacant land in our neighborhood upon which to construct their workforce development center. There is room for both preservation, and new build in the vicinity of the BGC – including allowing for new-build in the immediate vicinity of BGC by closing one of the adjacent streets like Dewey or by redeveloping a 1+ acre of vacant land nearby that is available nearby on Glenway through Price Hill Will.

The need to preserve historic structures in our City like the Schulte Mansion is called out in the City's 2012 Plan Cincinnati document. We are at a critical juncture in our community – one where repurposing of important architectural buildings like the Schulte Mansion that sit along important commercial corridors is finally possible after decades of disinvestment.

In sum, so many Cincinnati landmarks on the west side have already been lost in the name of progress and misguided claims of obsolescence. Please don't let this property – which holds so much value for our community given its unique architectural features and long-time service to the community - be the next one.

Sincerely

Karen Ball

President