

December 15, 2020

Cincinnati City Planning Commission
II Centennial Plaza
805 Central Avenue, 7th Floor
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Honorable Members of the City Planning Commission:

The Historic Conservation Board ("Board") transmits herewith the following items for your consideration concerning the proposed Mercantile Library Building Historic Landmark Designation Application:

1. Local Historic Landmark Designation Report.
2. Proposed Historic Landmark Conservation Guidelines.
3. Historic Conservation Office Staff Report dated November 16, 2020.

Summary:

The Model Group has applied to designate the Mercantile Library Building located at 414 Walnut Street in the Downtown neighborhood ("Building") as a Local Historic Landmark pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 1435-7-02-A.

Upon her review of the designation application pursuant to CMC Section 1435-07-1(a)(1), the Urban Conservator prepared a report recommending approval of the landmark designation and the associated conservation guidelines. The Board then, at its regular meeting on December 7, 2020, held a public hearing on the proposed designation at which it heard from the Urban Conservator and proponents of the designation whether the Building qualifies for landmark designation. Upon considering the designation application (including the designation report and conservation guidelines), the Urban Conservator's report, and comments received at its public hearing, a majority of the Board's members present throughout the hearing and constituting a quorum voted to recommend designation of the Building as a Local Historic Landmark and further resolved to recommend approval of the association conservation guidelines.

Aye

Nay

Absent

Mr. Voss

Mr. Weiss

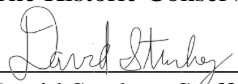
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The Historic Conservation Board



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