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To: [denc - City Council](#)
Cc: [Hahn, Kara L. - CPD City Planner Principal](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] amendment to Landmark Preservation Ordinance - Council Bill 19-0914
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 4:29:59 PM

Members of City Council –

I served for several years in the past as chair of the Historic Preservation Committee of Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods and am now serving in the same capacity for the newly-established Registered Neighborhood Organization, Neighbors for Greater Capitol Hill. For both of those committees, we invited and received several presentations from the Landmark Preservation staff and from representatives of Historic Denver, Inc.

I believe that the proposed amendments to the Landmark Preservation Ordinance significantly improve and clarify the ordinance, including the addition of cultural issues as a criterion for consideration for landmark designation and adjustment of the demolition review process for structures which may merit designation. The advisory committee that recommended these amendments worked hard to evaluate all of the issues and reach a reasonable compromise that addresses the concerns of its members.

Throughout the entire city, structures with historic, architectural, cultural and/or geographic significance should be respected and be given very careful consideration for preservation and re-use. The respect we give to Denver's past is a very important part of Denver's future.

I encourage you to vote in favor of C.B. 19-0914.

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From: [Lisa Purdy](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed changes to historic preservation ordinance
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:56:07 AM

To Denver City Council:

I wanted to address the proposed changes to the historic preservation ordinance.

I was not personally involved with the committee making the proposed changes but I have worked in the field of historic preservation for over 40 years around the country. In Denver I led the effort to create the historic district for LODO with a cast of thousands from city government, the Downtown Denver Partnership, various historic preservation organizations, numerous neighborhood organizations, and professional groups such as the AIA, APA and others. I mention this to let you know the level of support for preservation across a broad spectrum in Denver.

Even though the LODO district was said to be one of the most controversial measures considered by City Council at the time, the measure was passed. (LODO is a 40 block area that does not include Larimer Square). Only two property owners in LODO supported the historic district, but City Council understood the historic significance of the area enough to overcome their concerns about gaining full owner support. The City as a whole benefited greatly from the difficult decision made by City Council to protect LODO.

The examination of the Landmark Ordinance is an attempt to ameliorate the difficulty that arises when Denver's Landmark Commission determines a property has historic value but the property owner does not wish it to be designated. Keep in mind that the Landmark Commission is composed of historic preservation experts who work with the criteria of the ordinance all the time. Their job is solely to determine whether a property (or district) has historic value. If they determine the property does NOT meet the criteria, the process is stopped. If they determine the property DOES meet the criteria, the application for designation is passed on to City Council for approval. City Council then takes into consideration broader issues such as whether the property provides a cultural value to the city as a whole, whether the owner approves of the designation, and other issues, and then weighs this against historic value determined by the Landmark Commission.

I see the proposed changes to the ordinance as an attempt to work out some of the thorny issues regarding owner consent before it winds up at City Council. The changes give more time to work with the owner. It's not uncommon that when a property owner is presented with incentives or other scenarios for development, a solution is reached that does not involve demolition of a valuable asset. I've seen times when the owner learns of the historic value and then takes pride in finding ways to preserve the asset. I'm happy to see that more incentives are being explored to encourage preservation.

The ability of government to preserve important historic assets comes from our constitution allowing restrictions to protect the public "health, safety, and welfare" of a community. This is where the legal basis of zoning comes from as well. All property is subject to reasonable regulation by government when it concerns the welfare of all.

It is with this in mind that I fully support the proposed changes to the historic preservation ordinance in front of you.

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From: [Charles Jordy](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Chapter 30 updates.
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 12:16:04 PM

Esteemed Council members,

In anticipation of your vote on Monday night I would like to add my voice of support for the proposed Chapter 30 amendments. As a member of the task force and former chairman of the Landmark Preservation Commission I take great interest in this very important document and the dedicated and hard work of the Landmark staff and commissioners. In addition to the general cleanup of the ordinance several key issues have been addressed.

First, the adding of culture and heritage to the criteria for historic designation. I think this is long overdue and embraces culture as a significant and defining part of community contribution. Second, demolition review process, we definitely grappled with this on a few occasions during my tenure. There will always be different sides of the equation I believe however the proposed changes positively increase the chances for a collaborative outcome. And finally promoting and adding of incentives for designation. Sometimes we see citizens with a very negative view on historic designations and not a great understanding on the process or outcomes. It's great for the City and all of us, I don't believe we would have 54 (pretty sure that's correct) historic districts if it wasn't a real positive situation for Denver.

Thank you for your time and I urge your support and vote on this measure!

Sincere regards
Charles Jordy

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support letter for Landmark Ordinance Task Force Recommendations
Date: Friday, September 27, 2019 10:44:44 AM
Attachments: [19_09_26_DenverLandmarkTaskForce_SupportLtr_NTHP.pdf](#)

All,

Attached is a letter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in support of the recommendations from the Denver Landmark Ordinance Task Force.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jim

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From: [Pat Dworkin](#)
To: [dencc - City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preserving Denver's History
Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:35:49 AM

Unfortunately, I no longer live within the city limits, but still enjoy the beauty and historical neighborhoods of the city. I realize that progress moves on and today's boxes will become tomorrow's history, but we need to keep as much of the past architecture as possible for the following generations to appreciate. I always marvel at the buildings from the 1920-30's. We use the original UC Hospital building often, what a pleasure - even if the lobby is a little warm.

Thank you for working with the Historical Denver Assoc.

Pat Dworkin

Sent from my iPad

From: [David Engelken](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of new Historic Preservation directives going to City Council
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019 2:29:06 PM

Dear Denver City Council Staff,

As a key leader in the City Park West for preserving our valuable and delightful historic homes/offices, primarily from the Victorian era, and at the urging of Historic Denver, Inc.'s leadership, I would like to weigh in in support of the new Historic Preservation directives headed to City Council.

Thanks,
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Landmark Preservation Ordinance Amendments
Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:57:36 PM

Dear Councilman Hinds,

I am a resident of District 10 and a member of the Historic Denver Board of Trustees. I am seeking your support for the proposed amendments to the Landmark Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 30 RMC) to be considered by Council later this month. I urge you to support the thorough and thoughtful work of the Task Force and to allow the recommendations to be implemented before any amendments are considered.

The Task Force process was very thorough, met twelve times for multiple hours, and was comprised of preservationists, property owners, developers, real estate professionals and neighborhood residents. The group had three goals:

1. Outline a better process for the rare but contentious designations arising from the demolition review process.
2. Explore how to increase the tools and incentives necessary to proactively encourage designation.
3. Seek opportunities to foster greater diversity among landmarks and historic districts.

Council members have expressed concern about proposed individual structure designations lacking owner consent. These applications are the result of the demolition review process set forth in the Landmark Ordinance. The amendments seek to shift the way the time is spent during a demolition review process to focus more on collaborative solutions, rather than requiring a push for designation right at the beginning. The Task Force worked diligently, and after robust and hearty discussions, at the end of 12 months the task force reached consensus and the group agreed to collectively stand by the work because everyone made some compromise to get to the end.

Again, I urge you to support the amendments to the Landmark Preservation Ordinance as proposed by the Task Force and avoid last minute additions or alterations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Ellen Ittelson

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Landmark Preservation Ordinance Amendments
Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:56:46 PM

Dear Councilman Hinds:

My wife, Jean, and I are urging you to support the thorough and thoughtful work of the task force that has been working diligently of the past several months to propose reasonable recommendations for the updating our City's Landmark Preservation Ordinance. As residents of District 10 for the past 15 years and residents of Denver for the past 42 years, We treasure the heritage of our city and the role thoughtful historic preservation plays in protecting that special character that makes Denver great. We are both very hopeful that the City Council will implement the recommendations of the task force so that the work of preservation can continue with better tools and processes aimed at solving problems and seeking solutions for landmarks representing the full range of Denver's heritage.

Thank you.

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