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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Bill 21-0437
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill 21-0437

Dear Councilwoman Ortega,

My name is Winter, and I am a constituent of District 7. I am emailing to urge you to vote yes on Bill 21-0437, a bill for an ordinance designating 123 East Speer Blvd. as a structure for preservation. In a week, I will be graduating with my Master of Science in Historic Preservation degree from CU Denver. In the past two years of my graduate education, I have learned the importance of preserving buildings, not just for their historical and architectural significance, but for their environmental benefits. 123 E Speer is a prime example of brutalist architecture and it sits on a prominent corner making it an iconic piece of Speer. Although brutalism is not widely loved right now, does not mean it won't be loved in the future. Lest we forget that in the mid-century, people thought of Victorian architecture as ugly, and today it is widely loved.

I also feel that denying the historic designation of 123 E Speer and allowing for its demolition is a harmful choice for the environment. As an advocate for sustainability, I would hope that you would recognize the mass amount of waste it would be to demolish the building. There are other pathways forward, including an adaptive reuse of the building that could serve the needs of the community, preserve the history and architecture of the building, and prevent a large amount of construction waste ending up in the landfill.

It is your duty as a councilperson to make decisions for the good of your constituents, not for one specific property owner. Voting yes on Bill 21-0437 would ensure that you are making the right choice for your community.

Thank you for your time,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preserve Denver 7 Building

Councilwoman,

I am writing in support of the preservation of the Denver 7 News building, by a vote to landmark the building. Aside from a loss of architectural significance, demolition of this building is not a positive action toward sustainability. It will be a huge waste of materials and the carbon footprint it took to construct. There's plenty of opportunity for adaptive reuse of the building for housing and business. Denver's historic places are what make it unique and attractive to live in and visit. We don't need to destroy them to build housing and business. We should be focused on upzoning and reducing car infrastructure to do that.

Nick Autobee

From: [Deborah Ortega - Councilwoman At Large](#)
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Members of Denver City Council:

I support designation for the Channel 7 tower building. Others have described / discussed the building, its character and role far more eloquently than I might – so I’ll not repeat those comments.

The building does reflect iconic – “brutal” architecture... how appropriate for a discussion like this...

I am encouraged that the Landmark Commission voted to recommend designation and the planning staff supports the designation.

There are models for incorporating historic, significant structures into new projects – most recently Tom’s Diner on East Colfax Avenue – yet to be constructed, the small building at the SW corner of East 17th Avenue and Pearl Street, and others. New commercial or residential elements could be wrapped around the existing tower building - which occupies perhaps 20% of the land area on the site. Perhaps a different view than 12 floors of glass – built out to the property line on all 4 sides as most new residential building seem to be... even new construction within blocks of the Channel 7 site.

Once it’s gone... it’s gone. This building should be a keeper!

I encourage you to approve the designation!

Best Regards,

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