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To: Denver City Council

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Re: Designation of 227 South Lincoln Street, Gulliver-Lynch House

## **Legal Description of Property:**

Lot 31, Re-subdivision of Blocks 1, 2 and 3 Gallup's South Broadway Subdivision, City of Denver

# **History of the Application:**

Applicants: Terry Gulliver and Nita Lynch

Owner: Terry Gulliver and Nita Lynch

- Landmark Preservation Commission, LPC, held a public hearing on August 5, 2014.
   LPC voted unanimously to forward the application to City Council with a recommendation of approval.
- Neighborhoods and Planning Committee reviewed the application on August 20, 2014 and moved it out of Committee.
- Mayor Council reviewed the application on August 26, 2014.

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#### **Landmark Preservation Commission Findings:**

227 South Lincoln Street is a distinctive Queen Anne home designed by the prominent Denver Architect, William Lang. The home is recognizable from its prominent location on Lincoln Street. The *West Washington Park Neighborhood Reconnaissance Survey and History Report* listed the home as having architectural significance. 227 South Lincoln Street meets the criteria for local designation in the following categories:

#### **Architectural Significance**

To have architectural importance, the structure or district shall have design quality and integrity, and shall:

#### a) Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type;

The irregular form, asymmetrical façade, prominent front turret and steeply pitched roof of this building are all distinguishing characteristics of the Queen Anne style.

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## b) Is a significant example of the work of a recognized architect;

227 South Lincoln Street was designed by the important Denver architect; William Lang. Lang designed eight homes on this block creating a cohesive and distinctive streetscape along the 200 Block of South Lincoln. He was one of Denver's greatest residential

architects during the 1880s and 1890s. Lang is best known for designing the Molly Brown House and Castle Marne.

# Geographic Significance

To have geographical importance, the structure shall:

# a) Have a prominent location or be an established, familiar and orienting visual feature of the contemporary city;

227 South Lincoln holds a prominent position on the west side of Lincoln Street in the Speer Neighborhood. It is an established and familiar feature for those who travel along this major thoroughfare into downtown Denver.

# **CPD and LPC Recommendation:**

On August 5, 2014 the Landmark Preservation Commission voted unanimously to forward the designation of 227 South Lincoln Street to City Council with a recommendation of approval citing as findings of fact the staff memo dated August 5, 2014 and public testimony.

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