



April 14, 2016

Martin Goldstein, Chair  
Denver Landmark Commission  
201 W. Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Landmark Commissioners,

As you know, Historic Denver is the co-applicant on the historic designation for the Emily Griffith Opportunity School at 1250 Welton Street, for which you will hold a public hearing on April 19. The designation application is the result of more than three years of analysis, conversation and planning. I want to provide you with some additional background and express why Historic Denver has advocated for this site and this solution.

The community first became aware of the preservation issue at the Emily Griffith site in 2012 when DPS announced its plans to move the school and sell the building and land. The district applied for a Certificate of Non-Historic Status, which allows for demolition within a five-year period. Historic Denver received immediate response from community members, and asked DPS to consider a more in-depth process before moving forward, a process that would honor the DPS Policy FB on historic schools, a policy established in consultation with Historic Denver in the early 2000s. DPS agreed, withdrawing the CNH application and engaging in a thoughtful and deliberate effort to understand which buildings on the site have the most historic value, how new development can occur on the site, and how the old and new can work together to create a dynamic place that honors an important Colorado story.

As part of the process outlined in Policy FB DPS invited Historic Denver, Denver Landmark staff and a representative of the State Historic Preservation Office to confer on the site's significance, using a Historic Structure Assessment paid for by DPS and conducted by respected preservation architects at SlaterPaull Architects as a resource. In 2013 Historic Denver issued a letter on behalf of this group confirming the site's eligibility for designation, its generally good condition, and emphasizing that the most appropriate buildings for designation were those along Welton Street.

The Emily Griffith site, and specifically the Welton Street side of the campus, has been in public ownership for more than 150 years, first serving as a public school location in the 1870s. In 1916 DPS granted Emily Griffith, who was serving as Principal at Crofton Elementary School in Curtis Park, permission to open a non-traditional school for "all who wish to learn" in a vacant school building on the site. Based on her early teaching experiences Griffith recognized the needs of not only her students, but also their parents. Her first offerings at the Opportunity School included English language courses, citizenship courses and technical training programs including bricklaying, carpentry and millinery. By the 1920s, the school was so popular that DPS invested in an expansion, constructing the Classical Revival-style building that now sits at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & Welton. It was

expanded with two significant International-style additions in 1947 and 1956, completing the build-out of the Welton Street side of the block and replacing the 1880s Longfellow School that Griffith had first used. Gradually and intermittently DPS acquired property along Glenarm Place to build a variety of one-story shops.

The 1926, 1947 and 1956 buildings along Welton Street are inter-connected and today are experienced as one building with multiple entrances. These buildings represent the most historically, architecturally and geographically significant aspects of the Emily Griffith site, serving as a recognized symbol of the school, Griffith's legacy, and the importance of the site in the development of downtown Denver. It is through the doors along Welton that more than 1.6 million students have accessed education and opportunity, and it is above these doors that the school's values, *Opportunity* and *Achievement*, are emblazoned.

Griffith's legacy is profound, and Historic Denver feels strongly that it deserves to be physically represented in a place that has a deep and authentic history. We are confident that the Welton Street buildings, deemed most significant through several different processes, convey the site's story and represent its architectural character. They also most clearly meet the criteria for designation in all three categories, history, architecture and geography.

DPS officially listed the property for sale the same week the designation was filed. The intention is for the designation and sales process to occur concurrently, with the designation becoming official before a sale closes. DPS has included information about the preservation provisions in a request for proposals from developers. This designation will provide critical certainty in the sales process, certainty that is important for developers as well as for the community.

Preservation is most successful when it is collaborative. We are grateful to DPS, the City of Denver/Community Planning & Development, the Downtown Denver Partnership and other stakeholders for engaging in thoughtful and productive planning for a place with great importance in our community. The Emily Griffith process demonstrates that property owners and the preservation community can work together to find solutions that make our city more unique, more rooted in its identity, and more adaptable for the future.

Sincerely,



Annie Levinsky  
Executive Director

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Michael Henry <michaelhenry824@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 9:46 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Cc:** 'Annie Levinsky'  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Opportunity School - hearing on April 19

Dear Members of the Landmark Preservation Commission:

I strongly urge the Commission to recommend to City Council the designation of the specified portion of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School as a structure for preservation. The school, including its predecessor 1916 building, has been a very important part of the history of Denver education, where more than 1.6 million students have learned skills and trades during the last 100 years. Emily Griffith was one of the most, if not the most, notable figures in the history of Denver and Colorado education. She and her school are true landmarks for the entire city of Denver.

Michael Henry  
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## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** John Huggins <jjhuggins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 5:43 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Cc:** Buchanan, Brad S. - CPD Office of the Manager; Bruce, DeVita; David Suppes; Tamara Door; Annie Levinsky  
**Subject:** Support for Landmark Designation of Emily Griffith Opportunity School (2016L-003)

Dear Members of the Landmark Preservation Commission:

I am writing in strong support of the designation of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School as a Denver Landmark in accordance with the application and addenda as filed by the Denver Public Schools (DPS) with the support of Historic Denver.

I have owned and/or restored several Denver and Colorado/National Register landmarks, including the Kerr House, the Brown/Garrey/Congdon House, and the Sculptured House, for which I received the Ann Love Award from Historic Denver. I am a fourth generation Coloradan and a third generation Denverite. My grandparents owned an appliance store in Downtown Denver and I remember my grandmother telling me about the great Emily Griffith Opportunity School and how much it had contributed to the vitality of Denver. Denver's history and landmarks are (literally) in my DNA.

In addition, I have served as Director of Economic Development for the City and County of Denver under two Mayors, and in that capacity have been directly involved in solving for both the preservation and adaptive re-use of important Denver landmarks including Union Station and the Lowenstein Theater.

I served on the DPS Emily Griffith Sale Advisory Committee and the subsequent Emily Griffith "steering committee", both of which groups included historic preservation and development experts that collectively spent hundreds of hours assessing the historic character of the Emily Griffith site and the redevelopment potential of that site under different use and historic designation scenarios.

I believe the proposed application and addenda provide an excellent framework for ensuring that the most historic and architecturally significant parts of the Emily Griffith site will be preserved in an appropriate and coherent manner, while allowing for a variety of potential reuses of the overall site.

Moreover, I think the Advisory Committee process that DPS, Historic Denver and the Community Planning and Development Department used to arrive at the proposed Landmark application was extraordinarily inclusive, and should be a model for future resolution of such complex cases. That process brought together a diverse group of experts, with professional support, to examine and debate in great detail what was worthy of preserving and what could be let go, in order to provide for a robust range of reuse options for the overall site.

For all these reasons, I urge the Landmark Commission to recommend approval of the Landmark application with addenda exactly as submitted by DPS.

Sincerely,

John J. Huggins

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John J. Huggins  
(303) 949-7010

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Sharon Begley <sharonbegley@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 7:02 AM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith

This email is in **support for historic designation** for the Emily Griffith Opportunity School. I took several classes there in the early 1990's. (classes were \$10 for Denver residents!) I think that both preservation AND redevelopment are important.

Thank you,  
Sharon Begley

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Judy Trompeter <schumpeter@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2016 8:59 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Opportunity School historic designation

To the Members of the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission,

As residents of Denver for the past 17+ years, we have learned about and come to admire the work done by Emily Griffith almost a century ago. Upon learning in 2012 that the Denver Public Schools' administration was considering applying for a Certificate of Non-Historic Status for the school's buildings, thus most likely allowing them to be demolished, we wrote a letter of protest. We felt that this action both erased Emily Griffith's work as a teacher and visionary and violated the spirit of DPS's own 2002 Historic Schools Policy. We were pleased when the school system withdrew that application.

As you know, Emily Griffith responded to the needs of immigrants and established a school which offered evening classes, citizenship and English courses, and technical training in a variety of trades, such as bricklaying, carpentry and millinery and later aviation and mechanics. The school opened in 1916 in an unused school structure at 12<sup>th</sup> & Welton. In the 1920s the original school building on the site was demolished to make way for a new building, the one that now fronts 12<sup>th</sup> and Welton, with her motto, "Public Opportunity- For All Who Wish to Learn," and the words "Opportunity" and "Achievement" above the doors. Griffith's innovative efforts have made a lasting impact on the city and its residents.

We urge you to support the joint application from the Denver Public Schools and Historic Denver, Inc., and designate as historic the 1926 building at 1250 Welton and the additions from the 1940s and 1950s, thus preserving them for future generations. So many old buildings are being torn down in Denver; we ask you to save this one from what someone has called "the trashbin of history." It can and should be repurposed for modern use, as outlined in the application.

Sincerely yours,

Judy and Larry Trompeter  
1007 E. 17th Ave.  
Denver CO 80218

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## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** m <gwcole60@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2016 7:43 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Opportunity School

I strongly support keeping the portion of Emily Griffith Opportunity School intact as a historical landmark. This not only represents what special building design. It also represents a major part of Colorado's history. Please consider the application for historic designation thank you regards George Cole

George Cole

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## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Carolyn Brink <ckbrink@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2016 4:14 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Support for historic designation of 1250 Welton- Opportunity School

I support the historic designation of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School at 1250 Welton Street.

Carolyn Brink  
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Denver, CO 80210

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** DOUGLAS ALLEN ROBINSON SHEILA CORWIN ROBINSON <douglasr@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2016 2:16 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith

I strongly support the designation of Emily Griffith as a Landmark building.

Doug

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** rosemary stoffel <rosemary.stoffel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2016 2:11 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith letter of support  
**Attachments:** HDEmilyGriffithLPC 4 2016.doc

April 16, 2016

Dear Landmark Preservation Commission members,

It has been encouraging to watch the positive steps recently taken to ensure protection of the significant Welton Buildings portion of Emily Griffith Opportunity School. The application filed by Denver Public Schools in partnership with Historic Denver shows that DPS recognizes the importance of the most significant portions of the site, and desires to see it them intact.

As a former Historic Denver trustee and Preservation Committee chair, I recall the broad community concern which erupted in 2012 when DPS considered applying for non-historic status for the site. So this joint application, the culmination of diligent and cooperative efforts by DPS, Historic Denver, and other stakeholders, is very gratifying.

Now it is up to you, as LPC members, to recommend City Council approval of the designation of these significant portions of the site, which meet the criteria in outstanding ways in every category. DPS recognized the architectural and historic significance of these buildings with a Tier I ranking, the highest category reserved for truly special structures.

The application allows future development at the site to proceed according to allowed zoning, downtown design guidelines, and incorporation of the designated portions. Site-specific guidelines encourage compatible integration of the new with the old. Some of Denver's most interesting buildings feature such creative blending, and add to Denver's unique architectural fabric.

As one of Denver's premier and irreplaceable public legacies, there should be no question that these buildings deserve protection. Please vote to recommend City Council approval.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Stoffel

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Lloyd Brewer <llbrewer22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 17, 2016 10:48 AM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Opportunity School

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

I support historic preservation for the school.

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Pat Dworkin <patdworkin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 5:29 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith

I feel the preservation of this landmark is important to Denver. If it is sold, the Architecture and name should be respected. Sent from my iPad

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Kathleen Butler <butler18@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 5:26 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Cc:** Kathleen Butler  
**Subject:** RE: Save the building that Emily Griffith occupied for all these years.

Dear Landmark Commission,

Please save the building that is known as the Emily Griffith School in downtown Denver. Most of will always think that the Emily Griffith School is located at their downtown location but they have moved to a much bigger building. So what will happen with the building that they occupied for all these years. Affordable housing, great restaurant or some other possibility are what could go in this building. Just do not tear it down.

Kathleen Butler  
303.733.3616  
C: 303.506.3443

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Linda Gleichmann <lgleichmann@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 7:08 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Opportunity School

I totally support designating the Emily Griffith Opportunity School as a historical Denver landmark. This school has helped thousands of children and adults get an education which enabled them to support their families. Emily Griffith has done so much for this city. This building is a landmark in Denver's history that should not be destroyed.



## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** bev sloan <bsloan303@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 8:22 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Please designate the Emily Griffith School

It's a must! It's so worthy and has strong community support...

Bev Sloan  
1736 Cherry, Denver

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** ginny gelbach <giddsmom@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 8:48 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Historic Designation for the Griffiths Opportunity School.

I fully support this application for Historic Designation. Emily's idea for a school of hope was an important milestone in Denver's history. It needs to be preserved and reused to enhance and benefit the citizens of Denver.

Ginny Gelbach  
217 S. Penn. St.  
Denver, CO. 80209

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Nanette Thornton <nanettethornton@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 8:52 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith school

It is a wonderful role model for the future. We need to preserve all our history. Where we came from has everything to do with where we go!

Sent from my iPad

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** KandT Vaughn <vaughn7107@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2016 9:21 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Historic preservation designation for EGOS

Emily Griffith Opportunity School deserves the historic preservation designation! It has helped a vast number of residents, immigrants, hopeful students, and countless others seeking hope for a better future through its variety of programs and skills taught. This school has long encouraged and helped many create opportunities for life-long success.

It would be a travesty to lose this historic building and all it represents due to others' failure to preserve it. It defines hopefulness for many who were, or have been fortunate enough to be a part of its history--as students, educators and employees.

Please, please maintain the integrity of its history and the values this beautiful Emily Griffith Opportunity School--EGOS--building represents by preserving it through a historic designation.

Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Karen Vaughn  
Denver, CO

Sent from my iPad

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Barbara Stratman <mbj@skybeam.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 7:41 AM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Support of Emily Griffith Opportunity School

Our family fully supports the preservation of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School.

We must honor the historical buildings and history of our city and guard against becoming a metropolis of bland, obscure, uninteresting buildings.

Unfortunately, downtown Denver is well on the way to such a plight with far too many new look-alike and architecturally bland buildings. Indeed, if Denver becomes uninteresting and unattractive in a historical sense, it will vastly diminish the value of visiting tourism or desire to inhabit. There should be no question in this regard.

The Stratman Family  
MBJ@skybeam.com

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Carla McConnell <carlamcconnell@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 9:56 AM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Cc:** Susman, Mary Beth - City Council  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith proposed Landmark Designation

I am writing in support of the proposed landmark designation of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School, which is scheduled for the Landmarks Preservation Commission hearing on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

This proposed landmark district will provide an opportunity for adaptive reuse of the contributing structures, new development on the non-contributing portion of the site and design review by the Landmark Preservation Commission for the entire site.

Denver Public Schools has worked closely with Denver Community Planning to develop this proposal. This designation, prior to sale of the property, provides necessary assurances for potential developers and will help DPS attract the attention of many developers with the ability to blend adaptive reuse with new construction.

This designation will result in a creative project blending new construction with adaptive reuse, continuing the rich tapestry of our downtown.

I ask that LPC find that the designation criteria has been met and that this proposal be forwarded to Council with a recommendation for adoption.

Thank you.

Carla McConnell  
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## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Gmail Business <pmtbernard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 11:09 AM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith school

I unfortunately cannot attend the upcoming meeting for the designation, preservation and redevelopment of the building, but ask you to please help save it. I was honestly floored (pardon the pun) that the building, this place of incredible importance to who we as a population in Denver have become hadn't already received designation.

I recently saw a show on PBS' called Colorado Experience, showcasing Ms Griffith and the school. Can you imagine the opportunity those of us who wanted to work for a better life felt when we found someone not just in our corner, but dedicated to teaching us how to reach our dreams.

In degrees of separation, that school has affected millions of people here in Colorado. Few places could have offered welcome and safe havens for our immigrant population the way the Opportunity School did. That alone is a sufficient legacy but it is only an opening line for a greater and more far reaching tale.

I don't think it is a fluke that Colorado has one of the most highly educated workforces in the nation. This school was a place where those ideals began.

Please think about preserving a place that was founded on bringing out the best in us- a place that encouraged knowledge and hard work and dreams. Isn't that really what we want to achieve and who we all really want to be?

Thank you for hearing my plea. I hope you will honor this very special place, remember those who have come before us there and keep the legacy alive for us and future generations.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Bernard

Sent from my iPhone so...excuse my typos.

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Rebecca Rogers <rrogers@heincpa.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 12:28 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Designation

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to express my support of the historic designation of the Emily Griffith building. This building is an important part of Denver's history and deserves to be historically designated. I truly hope the designation is passed.

Thank You,  
Rebecca Rogers

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**From:** Susan Luerssen <susan.luerssen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 12:49 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith

I support the historic designation for the Emily Griffith Opportunity School. It has offered educational opportunities for so many and should remain as an educational institution.

Sincerely,

Susan Luerssen

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Robert Bassett <RBassett@hollandhart.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 1:47 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Historic Designation

Dear LPC,

Please register my support for the Emily Griffith designation. This is an important building for our community, and honors a remarkable woman who changed the world.

Thanks for your work on this and other preservation matters.

Bob Bassett, Trustee, Historic Denver

### ***Robert A. Bassett***

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**From:** Lynne Brown <lynnebrown001@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 4:22 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Opportunity School

Dear Landmark Commissioners:

I was excited to learn that after three years a joint application with Denver Public Schools and Historic Denver has been filed with you for historic designation for Emily Griffith Opportunity School. I heartily endorse this designation and hope that you will vote to support historic designation for this significant building in downtown Denver. Emily Griffith was a remarkable woman and this designation is fitting for such a Denver pioneer and the building she used to create a truly unique school.

Thanks for your consideration.

Lynne Brown

## **Gause, George - Community Planning and Development**

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**From:** Djamila Ricciardi <djamila.ricciardi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 5:13 PM  
**To:** Landmark - Community Planning and Development  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Emily Griffith Opportunity School

Dear Landmark Commissioners,

I write this letter in support of the historic designation of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School on the corner of 12th & Welton.

For generations, the site has functioned as a hub of community engagement and collective ownership. Granting this location with a historic designation status would honor the legacy of Emily Griffith and ensure that future generations may learn and be inspired by this unique part of Colorado history that lives in the very bricks that make up the interconnected buildings on Welton Street.

The Emily Griffith Opportunity School has historically represented a beacon for people of all walks of life; for “all who wish to learn.” Often, these are people who come from marginalized communities – individuals who are poor, or who are immigrants, or refugees. I urge the commissioners to consider all the people who walked through those doors and learned the meaning of the words “Opportunity” and “Achievement” from first-hand experience. These are the people who have helped make our city a diverse and dynamic place, and we ought to honor that the proper way, by preserving The Emily Griffith Opportunity School.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Djamila Ricciardi



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April 15, 2016

Denver Landmark Preservation Commission  
c/o Barbara Stocklin-Steely  
Office of Community Planning and Development  
201 West Colfax Avenue  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Landmark Designation Application for 1250 Welton St. (Emily Griffith Opportunity School)

Dear Ms. Stocklin-Steely,

On April 14, 2016, the Denver Civic Ventures, Inc. (DCV) Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the Landmark Designation Application for Emily Griffith Opportunity School, on behalf of DCV and the Downtown Denver Partnership (the Partnership).

We support this application for the following reasons:

- For the last two years, the Partnership has worked closely with the City of Denver, Denver Public Schools and Historic Denver in developing this application and in doing outreach to a broad group of Downtown stakeholders. We believe the process that led up to this application has been very considerate and inclusive.
- The application, if approved, will maintain the street-level pedestrian experience along this historic structure setting the stage for a unique and well-crafted development that will serve as a very positive example for other projects in Denver involving new construction, preservation and adaptive reuse of other historic structures.
- A thoughtful redevelopment/rehabilitation of this site and its key structures will serve as a catalyst for other development in an area of Downtown that has been lacking in reinvestment for many years, and will help to better connect the Colorado Convention Center, the Civic Center area and Downtown's Commercial Core.
- A development plan based on this application will allow for significant flexibility that can accommodate diverse uses while preserving the most important and historic elements of the Emily Griffith School legacy and provide for the adoption of a set of design guidelines that will give additional certainty and inform the LPC review of the new components..

We look forward to continuing to work with the City, DPS and Historic Denver to ensure that this project is a success and a model for other projects in Denver.

Sincerely,

William E. Mosher  
Chair of the Board, Downtown Denver Partnership's Denver Civic Ventures

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**From:** [James Hindert](#)  
**To:** [Landmark - Community Planning and Development](#)  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Opportunity School Historic District Letter of Support  
**Date:** Monday, April 18, 2016 11:57:39 AM

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Landmark Preservation Commission,

Emily Griffith Opportunity School is one of Denver's most important historic resources that should be Denver's next historic district. The school attracted many of Denver's largest employers to set up shop in Denver because it was able to provide the well trained workforce that a company needed to succeed and adapt to the nation's rapidly changing economic demands and to set up the industrial infrastructure that still holds Denver together today. Opportunity School's "For all who wish to learn" attitude has helped countless people find jobs or get the basic education they may have missed out for some reason or another to get their lives back on track. While the school continues to carry out a similar mission today, since its completion to take up an entire block in 1956, the old school has been a prominent landmark greeting people traveling into downtown Denver from the east on Colfax Avenue and should remain so.

James Hindert

**From:** [Brittany Huner](#)  
**To:** [Landmark - Community Planning and Development](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the Emily Griffith Opportunity School  
**Date:** Monday, April 18, 2016 8:29:32 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider this email as a sign of support for Historic Denver's work to obtain historic designation for the Emily Griffith Opportunity School. The school is an important part of not just Denver's history, but Colorado women's history as well. Preserving this site is incredibly important in the continued efforts of Historic Denver and other preservation groups in honoring Denver's past.

Brittany Huner

**From:** [haln1@aol.com](mailto:haln1@aol.com)  
**To:** [Landmark - Community Planning and Development](#)  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith School  
**Date:** Monday, April 18, 2016 8:48:43 AM

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We support the historic designation and development plan for the Emily Griffith Opportunity School. It is too important as a symbol of Denver's open acceptance of all people to lose.

Ann and Hal Logan

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Rodman - HC, Mark](#)  
**To:** [Landmark - Community Planning and Development](#); [Annie Levinsky](#); [Steve Turner - HC](#); [Jonathan Raab - HC](#)  
**Subject:** Emily Griffith Opportunity School Landmarking  
**Date:** Monday, April 18, 2016 9:21:34 AM  
**Attachments:** [Emily Griffith 4.18.16.pdf](#)

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Attached is a letter of support from History Colorado for the designation of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School as Denver Landmark.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

**Mark A Rodman**

Preservation Technical Services Manager  
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Community Planning and Development  
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### **Re: Proposed Designation Emily Griffith Opportunity School**

Dear Members of Council,

I am writing a letter of support for the landmark designation for the Emily Griffith Opportunity School. This is an exciting moment in Denver planning. Working proactively on challenging, large scale historic preservation issues to ensure the future integrity of the EGOS is unprecedented in Denver's history. As a community this will set an important precedent in the process of future historic landmark designations and protecting the relevance of these important structures for generations to come. The City, Members of the Preservation Community, Denver Public Schools, Historic Denver, City Planning and Community Development have all been engaged for the better part of the last year to proactively discuss the future of EGOS. With their leadership the EGOS landmark designation is an important new model and a template for cooperative community planning efforts moving forward.

Having been deeply engaged in this process since its inception, I urge you to vote in favor of the proposed designation and very much look forward to the successful redevelopment process of the Emily Griffith Opportunity School.

Best,



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