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By Hand Delivery

Jonathan E. Farnham, Ph. D.
Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
City Hall, Room 576
Philadelphia PA 19107

Re: 1904 Sansom Street

Dear Dr. Farnham:

On October 29, 2015, 1911 Walnut Street, LLC ("Southern Land Company") submitted building permit applications and related materials to the Historical Commission seeking approval to remove three structures located on Sansom Street.

We have had ongoing meetings with the Center City Residents' Association task force, officials from the Preservation Alliance, and a special committee of residents of Rittenhouse Plaza. In those meetings, Southern Land stated its commitment to develop 1904 Sansom Street in a manner responsive to principles of historic preservation. Accordingly, we hereby withdraw the portion of our hardship application pertaining to 1904 Sansom Street (the "Coffeehouse").

We understand that this request will remove the Coffeehouse from the consideration of the Committee on Financial Hardship and from subsequent review by the Historical Commission.

Very truly yours,



Neil Sklaroff

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