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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Jewelers' Row Historic District Nomination

Dear Dr. Farnham:

As promised in my October 4, 2019 letter, I am writing to provide another brief update on the status of my clients' expert reports and our readiness to proceed with the Preservation Alliance's pending nomination of the proposed "Jewelers' Row Historic District." The property owners' primary expert, George Thomas, has indicated that his comprehensive report on the merits of the proposed district nomination will be complete by next month. In terms of scheduling, due to his professional obligations as a lecturer at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, Mr. Thomas is not available to attend either the December 5, 2019 or January 15, 2020 meetings of the Committee on Historic Designation ("CHD"). In light of the fact that his report should be complete by the end of the year, and in order to afford the CHD adequate time to review and consider the substance of the report in advance of the meeting, I am writing to respectfully request that the nomination be rescheduled for the CHD's **February 19, 2020** meeting and the **March 2020** meeting of the full Historical Commission. I have confirmed Mr. Thomas's availability to testify at the February 19, 2020 CHD hearing.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the foregoing. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or to discuss further.

Respectfully yours,



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