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Margot Berg  
Public Art Director, City of Philadelphia  
Municipal Services Building, Room 1030  
1401 John F. Kennedy Boulevard  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Christopher Columbus Statue, Marconi Plaza, 2700 S. Broad Street

Dear Ms. Berg:

On 24 July 2020, the Philadelphia Historical Commission reviewed your application for the Christopher Columbus Statue at Marconi Plaza, 2700 S. Broad Street. At that time, the Historical Commission voted to approve the application as necessary in the public interest, pursuant to Section 14-1005(6)(d) of the Philadelphia Code, provided the following four conditions are met:

1. The statue is stored at an undisclosed, secure location within the City of Philadelphia;
2. The statue is moved to the storage facility under the auspices of a conservator and by a firm experienced in the moving of important works of art;
3. The City reports to the Historical Commission annually on the statue's condition and situation; and,
4. The statue is visually recorded with a three-dimensional, digital, laser scan before it is moved to the storage facility.

You have the right to appeal the Historical Commission's decision, pursuant to Section 14-1008 of the Philadelphia Code, which reads:

*Appeals.* Any person aggrieved by the issuance or denial of any permit reviewed by the Commission may appeal such action to the Board of License and Inspection Review. Such appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of receipt of notification of the Commission's action. The Board of License and Inspection Review shall give written notice of any such appeal to the Commission within three days of the filing of the appeal.

Information about the Board of License and Inspection Review is available online at this link:  
<https://www.phila.gov/departments/board-of-license-and-inspection-review/>

If you have any questions regarding the review or appeal processes, please do not hesitate to contact the staff of the Philadelphia Historical Commission at [preservation@phila.gov](mailto:preservation@phila.gov).

Yours truly,

Jonathan E. Farnham, Ph.D.  
Executive Director