

Public comment received  
by the Historical Commission  
regarding the nomination of  
775 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd.

**From:** [Sebastian Fortino](#)  
**To:** [preservation](#)  
**Subject:** Preservation of Southwark Municipal Piers.  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:58:00 AM

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Dear Philadelphia Historical Commission,

I would like to request that the Philadelphia Historical Commission take action to protect the Southwark Municipal Piers. We are losing too many of the buildings which are both familiar landmarks to locals and worthy of being saved. I have seen some of the renderings for Spring Garden Street along the same boulevard and would hate to see these buildings destroyed for a similar design. I am a native to the city and currently reside in Powelton Village.

Thank you.

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Yours,  
Sebastian Fortino

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**From:** [Melissa Simmons](#)  
**To:** [preservation](#)  
**Subject:** Southmark Municipal Piers  
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Dear Historic Commission,

I am writing to request that these piers (38 and 40) be protected as historic buildings. These Beaux Arts style buildings are some of the last remnants of these types of buildings within the city and of the days when Philadelphia had a bustling port near it's downtown. Please consider doing what you can to see that these unique buildings are preserved instead of knocked down so more of our waterfront can be taken up by condos or big box stores.

Thanks!

**Melissa Simmons**

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**To:** [preservation](#)  
**Subject:** Piers 38 & 40  
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I would like to request that the Philadelphia Historical Commission take action to protect the Southwark Municipal Piers.

The piers are an important part of our historic waterfront, and the pier buildings themselves can readily be reused, as the conversion of other piers have shown.

Regards, Robert Young

**From:** [Mason Carter](#)  
**To:** [preservation](#)  
**Subject:** Taking action to preserve Piers 38 and 40  
**Date:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:50:59 PM

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To the Philadelphia Historical Commission:

My name is Mason Carter, and I am a Philadelphia resident who has watched our waterfront be underutilized for many years by not protecting its heritage. I would like to request that the Historical Commission take action now to make sure that Southwark Municipal Piers are protected.

Many mistakes have been made in the past with our waterfront. But the few glimmers of vitality for our waterfront that we have are the results of historic preservation, such as the Cherry St. Pier.

Protecting, preserving, and revitalizing the Southwark Piers could usher in a new renaissance for South Philadelphia's waterfront, which has been sadly overtaken by big boxes and strip malls over the years. However, these piers have the potential to be crown jewels of the waterfront, and they would offer a great deal of good for undoing our city's past mistakes.

Thank you for reading and I really hope you take the necessary actions now to save the Southwark Piers.

Sincerely,

Mason Carter