May 26, 2022

Jon Farnham, Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: Philadelphia City Planning Commission Comments regarding the Christian Street Historic District

Dear Dr. Farnham:

Pursuant to the City’s Historic Preservation Ordinance, the Philadelphia City Planning Commission must review and comment on the creation of historic districts and provide those comments to the Historical Commission to assist in its determination as to whether the designation of the district is in keeping with larger City policies and plans. On May 19, 2022, the Philadelphia City Planning Commission had the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Christian Street Historic District.

Commissioner Gaston asked for confirmation that most of the new construction on these blocks was excluded from the boundaries of the proposed historic district, which Historical Commission staff member Kim Chantry confirmed. Commissioner Castle commented that she appreciated the biographies of notable individuals provided in the presentation. No public comment was offered.

The Planning Commission found that the Christian Street Historic District is in keeping with Citywide Vision Renew 8.1.1 to preserve culturally, historically, and architecturally significant buildings, sites, structures, and districts, and the Central District Renew goal to identify and designate to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places historic resources based on ethnic and cultural importance.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Sharpe
Executive Director