TO: Philadelphia Historical Commission

DATE: September 8, 2022

RE: Designation of 1010 S. 10th Street (Christ Presbyterian Church)

The Bella Vista Neighbors Association supports the revision of the nomination to cover only the street-facing portion of the property. It is the only part of the building that contains the defining architectural characteristics which BVNA wants to preserve.

We believe this compromise satisfies the needs of both the church and the community by preserving the important architectural features, while allowing the church to potentially make changes to the less historically significant parts of the building.

This would provide the church with some flexibility for potential future renovations of the rear portion to make it more functional for uses that best position the church for a long-term strategy of maintaining a strong presence in serving our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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