

# BELLA VISTA NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

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

July 31, 2023

Re: **704-10 S 6TH ST. Coroneos Brothers**

Dear Mr Farnham,

As well as members of the Financial Hardship, Architectural Review committees, and the full commission

Following a recent nomination recently submitted by the Bella Vista Neighbors Association, and in response to property owner concerns regarding any increase in costs of future maintenance and upkeep, however unlikely -- BVNA would like to hereby also express our full support for any subsequent hardship claims and enable the property owner to use cost-effective materials necessary to maintain the property, so as to ensure that cost associated with designation does not become a barrier to timely upkeep of this property, should the property be designated under the proposed criteria for significance.

Our interest in nominating the property is to have the research entered into the city central repository and its significance catalogued such that it becomes discoverable by the public, as well as place under the purview of the historical commission, any city-ordered or private-elected demolition, so that the property can hopefully continue to be a part of the built environment and living history.

We do not believe that a bit of flexibility in the use of materials to renovate the property will detract from the cultural significance exemplified by this resource. While we understand that the historical commission already affords a lot of flexibility in any and all interior renovation, and the property is already in sound condition, with few hypothetical future cases where historical commission oversight over renovations would be invoked – we want to note in particular, the modern windows as well as the presence of communication towers on the roof of the building, both of which need ongoing flexibility and their maintenance should not be hampered by a designation.

Sincerely,



Eugene Desyatnik  
BVNA President

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*The Bella Vista Neighbors Association is the Registered Community Organization that serves residents of Bella Vista, which is bounded by 6th and 11th Streets, South Street and Washington Avenue. We are an independent, all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.*