

OWNER COMMENT RECEIVED  
FOR WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST  
HISTORIC DISTRICT

## Please remove my property from the proposed designation

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Sat 3/30/2024 11:49 AM

To: preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>; Kevin Hoekzema@yahoo.com <kevinhoekzema@yahoo.com>

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To whom it may concern,

Please do not consider 825-27 Lombard Street as part of the upcoming discussion in the nomination for designation in historic districts. I will be attending every meeting to fight this designation, and do not intend to allow it to be included in district. It is on the outer boundary and there is no reason it cannot be excluded.

If you have any questions, please call me at 215-694-7775. I have had horrible experiences with the historic society and they are a blight on homeowner latitude.

I expect to hear from you regarding removal of my property from the zone as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Francine Sandrow  
Kevin Hoekzema

Jaki <jaki@jakiashford.com>  
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Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 3:01 PM

Jonathan E. Farnham, Ph.D  
The Philadelphia Historical Commission  
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Philadelphia 19102  
215-686-7660

Re: Proposal of Washington Square West Historical District

April 3, 2024

Dear Dr. Farnham,

I have owned my properties at 261 S.9th & Street 226 S.Schell Street since 1978 and know that this proposal to create a historic district is of absolutely no benefit to property owners.

This will only have a negative impact on property owners by imposing more bureaucratic encumbrances.

The list of what will require agency approval is ridiculously long.

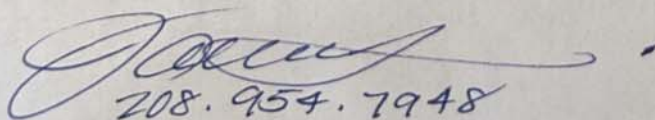
And this will also create an additional burden for people wanting to sell their property because past experience proves that these restrictions are only seen as negatives to potential buyers.

The vast majority of the properties in our area have no historical significance whatsoever.

And those that have some historical value have already been recorded into the National Register of Historic Places and have sign posts and plaques on or in front of the property informing the public of their historical relevance.

Washington Square West is already a thriving neighborhood and this initiative will only create a hardship for property owners with nothing to be gained by them.

I am completely opposed to this proposal.

  
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## Washington Square West Historic District

Josh Angotti <angottijosh@gmail.com>

Sat 4/20/2024 7:38 AM

To:preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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Hello,

I received a letter regarding Washington Square West and its nomination for Historic District status. I own 333-35 S 13th Street, which is a small triplex within the proposed historic district and I'm very concerned about the added maintenance and upkeep costs associated with historic district designation. I purchased the property in 2014 and have made many financial sacrifices to upgrade and improve the appearance of the building; however historic designation will make future improvements less affordable and will absolutely impact my ability to maintain my current upkeep schedule, and there are others who feel similarly.

Is there any opportunity for home/building owners to reject this proposal? If so, what is the process for doing so? Thank you.

Josh Angotti

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## Proposed Washington Square West Historic District

Frazar Thomas <frazar.thomas@gmail.com>

Fri 4/19/2024 3:03 PM

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Hello, my name is Frazar Thomas, and I own a home within the proposed boundaries of the new historic district for Washington Square West. I'm writing to register my opposition to the project. What makes this neighborhood so great is that it is dynamic and affordable, and I've been glad to see all the new housing go up in the area lately. Adding a new bureaucratic hurdle to new housing will only force out the young and lower income people that make this neighborhood great. Since both of the meetings are on weekday mornings, I will probably not be able to attend because of work, so I hope that by writing you I can at least give you some sense that there are people in the proposed district who are against this plan.

Thanks very much for your time,  
Frazar Thomas