

Public Comment

Regarding the Review in Concept by the Philadelphia
Historical Commission of Proposed Work to 1601 S 13th St

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Hi,

I am writing in support of the roofing materials for 1601 S 13th street that would allow the project to proceed. My partner and I recently moved nearby and walk past this church twice or more daily and believe it would be a terrible waste of potential for the new life of this beautiful building to be in jeopardy due to roofing materials that neither us (nor most neighbors, I suspect) would even think look twice at. Please either allow the roofing materials that make the project feasible or assist the developer in finding a more affordable vendor so that we can swiftly ensure that this building begins contributing to our neighborhood once more.

Thank you,
John Walsh