

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
4275 VIOLA STREET
APPLICATION**



4275 Viola Street

From Mary Bowden <bowdencarrolldesign@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 7/27/2026 5:38 PM

To preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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Dear Members of the Philadelphia Historical Commission and the Architectural Committee,

I am writing in support of your staff's recommendation to preserve 4275 Viola Street.

Since purchasing the aforementioned property in 2023, owner German Yakubov/Haverford Square Properties has allowed the building to accumulate 11 L&I violations, including an Imminently Dangerous designation which has been unmitigated for over a year. Yakubov has also acknowledged that he has delayed making repairs to the historic Parkside buildings in his portfolio while pursuing zoning approvals to increase the number of units beyond what has twice been denied by the Zoning Board (4204-06 Parkside Ave, 4283 Viola Street).

The Philadelphia Historical Commission should not allow demolition by neglect to become a strategy for securing redevelopment approvals. The longer historic buildings are left to deteriorate, the easier it becomes to claim they cannot be saved or that larger, incompatible development is the only option.

Parkside's historic buildings are community assets. Many were restored using federal historic preservation tax credits and have been protected as part of a local historic district for nearly 20 years. Please continue enforcing the outstanding violations of all properties owned by Haverford Square Properties/German Yakubov and ensure that prolonged neglect is never rewarded with approvals that undermine the purpose of historic designation.

Anytime an entity, be it an individual or a corporation, purchases an historic building, there should be an automatic requirement that said building be maintained or the right to own said building will be automatically relinquished. We are losing too many of our historic properties to those who want to see them demolished for nothing but profit. This must stop.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Bowden

Sent from my iPhone



4275 Viola Street

From Tom Butera <jthomasbutera@gmail.com>

Date Tue 7/28/2026 6:46 AM

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Sincerely,

Tom

Tom Butera
415-609-5631



4275 Viola Street

From MICHAEL LEVIN <lvmich@aol.com>

Date Tue 7/28/2026 9:42 AM

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]michael levin

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From Sara <sstroman@gmail.com>

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Sara Stroman

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