

Kennelly-Malloy Residence
3002 W State St.
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Office of the City Clerk
C/o Linda Elmer
200 East Wells Street
Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

August 7, 2016

Dear Ms. Linda Elmer and the Historic Preservation Commission,

We are writing in response to the letter we received **RE: Resolution relating to a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of the slate roof and installation of an asphalt shingle roof at 3011 W. State Street in the Concordia Historic District for Thomas Matthews.**

Please allow this letter to serve as our strong opposition to the aforementioned changes. The approval to remove and not replace the roof with slate roofing at 3011 W. State would harm the historic preservation of the property and the community for the reasons outlined below.

First, the "brand" of the Concordia Historic District is as a historic district, known for shaping major industries that impact individuals across the state, nation, and internationally. The property at 3011 W. State Street is one of the most significant and iconic properties in the district for many reasons, including:

- It is one of the oldest known homes in Milwaukee.
- It is situated within a few blocks of the original homes of the city's leading entrepreneurs, including the Gettelmans, Pabts, and Davidson Historic Homes.
- The property was the home of Milwaukee's first dentist and is located less than a mile and a half from Wisconsin's only dental school.
- It is one of the few pre-Civil War homes remaining in the city.
- It is situated on nearly an acre of land in a Federal historic district.

Removal of the slate roof would be in opposition to this brand and the preservation of an important piece of Milwaukee history.

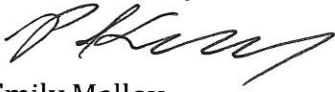
3011 W. State Street is the heart of the Concordia Neighborhood and the Near West Side. In the past five years, there have been over \$300 million in investment by the Near West Side Partners, Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, and Marquette University High School. These institutions are within one mile of this property. These businesses have invested millions of dollars in preserving and

restoring the community in accordance with the guidelines set by the city, state, and historic preservations boards, **an exception for asphalt roofing on the property at 3011 W State would undermine the significant investments to preserve the historic architecture of the neighborhood by stakeholders and residents.**

Finally, Mr. Matthews is in process of selling this property. He is no longer living in or committed to the neighborhood. We have concerns regarding the quality of newly installed roof. Further, we hope the new owner occupants will remain committed to historic preservation of these majestic homes. Once the slate roof is removed from the property, a slate roof will likely never be put back.

Please deny the request for an asphalt roof on 3011 W. State Street.

Thank you for your consideration,



Emily Malloy,

Patrick Kennelly,

William Malloy,

Timothy Malloy,

Martha Malloy