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I am writing as an East Side Milwaukee resident in favor of the historic designation of the 1919 original Columbia Hospital Building. I believe the beautiful building is historically relevant, is an integral part of the neighborhood and deserves to be preserved. Given the architects who were involved in the design, how it has fit into the neighborhood so well for more than a century and the history of Columbia Hospital, the building is an important part of East Side history.

I am disappointed that the building is in such poor condition. If it had been restored before it became so degraded or sold to a developer who would've restored it, we wouldn't be in the situation we're in today. Demolition by neglect should not be rewarded.

I have lived in this neighborhood on and off since 1979. I saw and admired the building regularly as a UWM student, and I was even a patient at the hospital. To me, Columbia Hospital is part of the fabric of the historic East Side.

For all the above reasons, I encourage the commission to designate the Columbia Hospital building as historic.

Sincerely,

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