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Subject: City of Milwaukee File 211686 - Historic designation for Columbia Hospital

Dear Chair, Alderman Robert Bauman, Vice Chair, Patricia Kahn and Commissioners:

As a resident of the Historic East Side of Milwaukee, a neighbor of Colombia Hospital, a former patient, and a former member of HPC, I am supporting the Permanent Local Historic Designation of the Columbia Hospital, located on E. Newport Avenue.

The research by HPC has proven the 'old' Columbia Hospital is historically significant. I believe that it qualifies under the following:

- e-1 "exemplification and development of the cultural, economic, social or historic heritage of the city" for its status as a research center at the forefront of medical sciences in Milwaukee,
- e-5 "embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen" as an intact example of an institutional Georgian Revival design and perhaps the last remaining example in Milwaukee of 19th century hospital design ideals, and
- e-6 "identification as the work of an artist, architect, craftsman or master builder whose individual works have influenced the development of the city" for its association with master architects Schmidt, Garden & Martin and Eschweiler & Eschweiler."

Demolition of this building will be a great loss to the neighborhood as well as a loss to the UWM campus environment.

Thank you all for your support in continuing to make Milwaukee a more interesting and historically significant City.

Please **vote YES** to Permanently Designate the Columbia Hospital Building.

Thank you.

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