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Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Patricia Keating Kahn, Chair Zeidler Municipal Building 841 N. Broadway, Room B-1 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Historical Preservations Commission (HPC) Members,

On October 6, 2022, the Board of Directors of the East Side Milwaukee Business Improvement District (BID) #20 voted unanimously in favor of the removal of the historical designation of the properties located at 2275 and 2279 N. Summit on the southwest corner of North Avenue and Summit Avenue.

The BID does not view the current temporary designation as an appropriate application of historical preservation. We do not believe the properties are historical in nature. As we understand it, age alone does not define historical significance. Currently, the buildings stand in disrepair and are a blight. As a business improvement district, we are in favor of the redevelopment of this property for its best use and strive for increased density in the neighborhood as does the City of Milwaukee Northeast Area Plan adopted in 2009.

We respectfully request HPC remove the historical status of the properties herein listed.

Sincerely,

Polly Kaplan President The East Side BID #20

CC: Jim Owczarski, City Clerk Lafayette L. Crump, Commissioner, DCD

José G. Pérez, Common Council President, Alderman 12th District Jonathan Brostoff, Incoming Alderman District 3

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