

# MADISON TRUST



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## **The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation Recommends Approval of a Variance to Permit Demolition of the Landmarked Hobbins Block/Olson & Veerhusen Building**

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The Landmarks Commission is considering an application from Urban Land Interests to grant a public interest variance under 41.19(1) and (7), MGO, to permit the demolition of the locally landmarked Hobbins Block / Olson & Veerhusen Building (now Centre Seven) as part of a redevelopment proposal encompassing a significant portion of Block 101 on the Capitol Square.

After consultation with a historic preservation specialist regarding the historical significance and condition of the subject property, in a special meeting convened on Sunday, May 3, the Board of Trustees of the Trust unanimously approved the following resolution:

*The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation recommends that the Landmarks Commission approve the variance for demolition of landmarked Hobbins Block / Olson & Veerhusen Building contingent upon the Landmarks Commission's review and approval of the final plans and specifications for the reconstruction of a portion of the subject property's facade.*

The Trust looks forward to working with the developer and other interested parties to achieve a skillful reconstruction of a portion of the subject property and ensure other necessary approvals for this project have a positive impact on historic preservation.