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Memo

To: Landmarks Commission Members
From: Mayor David J. Cieslewicz 
Date: March 24, 2008
Re: 7-9 N Pinckney Street

I am writing to you regarding the second item on tonight's Landmarks Commission agenda: a public hearing and consideration of landmark nomination for the Centre 7 building at 7-9 N. Pinckney Street. I encourage you to delay your decision on the landmark designation of this particular building

Several months ago, Urban Land Interests, Inc. presented me with a conceptual redevelopment plan for Block 101 – what I call the “American Exchange Bank Block.” I was impressed with the general notions of their presentation, and I asked ULI to continue in the planning process. At that time, I emphasized to ULI that their final proposal should not include the deconstruction of the American Exchange Bank, a parameter that they readily agreed to.

The potential for a multi-million dollar redevelopment of the northeastern corner of the Capitol Square is both an exciting and challenging proposition. Landmark consideration for the involved properties is wholly appropriate. That said, I ask that you review the comparative nature of the façade of the Centre 7 building and delay your decision until a more detailed development concept, including a proposal to address the façade, can be presented for that portion of the block.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our community and your attention to this matter

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