c/o Peter Bock 420 S. Blount St. Madison, WI 53703

July 16, 2015

Madison Landmarks Commission 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room LL100 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chair Levitan and Members of the Madison Landmarks Commission:

Although we cannot attend the upcoming Landmarks Commission meeting Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, we want to make certain you understand that we wholeheartedly support the project at 906 Williamson St. We believe this is a great addition to our neighborhood and should move forward. We want to thank the Commission for approving the demolition of 906 and hope you will move expeditiously on the 20<sup>th</sup> to approve the project as currently proposed.

We know you are aware that the Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) strongly supports the proposal and the neighborhood board has taken a formal vote in favor of the much revised design. Lengthy negotiations have been undertaken to accommodate the concerns of the MNA, with the owner incorporating the issues brought forward, including open space on each side of the building and other actions to ensure that the façade on Willy Street is particularly appealing and appropriate for this Historic District.

With all of these months of negotiations, we hope you will act expeditiously at your fifth meeting about this project July 20, 2015. Please approve this project and allow us to welcome this positive new space to our neighborhood as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Bock Scott Freeman Karen D. Kendrick-Hands Lawrence M. Hands

## 916 Williamson St. Madison, WI 53703

July 16, 2015

Stuart Levitan, Chair Madison Landmarks Commission 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room LL100 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chair Levitan and Members of the Landmarks Commission:

I am unable to attend this coming Monday's Landmarks Commission meeting although I have had the chance to be at three previous meetings as well as numerous neighborhood meetings and discussions regarding the Louis Fortis proposed project in the 900 block of Williamson Street.

As a business owner who is just one door over from 906 Williamson St., I strongly urge you to approve the certificate of appropriateness on the project as currently proposed. Months of work directly with the neighborhood have gone into the end result of the proposal and many changes have been made that address concerns brought forward by the neighbors.

This is such a unique, WOW! project that will enhance our neighborhood. I strongly urge you to act promptly on Monday so the owner, Louis Fortis, a long-standing member of the neighborhood can continue to be a great steward of this property as he has with his tenants at 600 Williamson St. Numerous neighborhood meetings have help to create this great plan before you. They deserve approval after their incredibly receptive attitude has made this new building into one that will be a great project: great for our neighborhood, fair to the owners. It will be a wonderful addition to our area and the city as a whole.

Sincerely,

David Lohrentz, Co-Owner Madison Sourdough

Madison Landmarks Commission 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., #LL100 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Members of the Madison Landmarks Commission:

7/16/2015

I am writing to ask the Landmarks Commission to approve the proposed new mixed-use project at 906 Williamson Street at your upcoming meeting on July 20.

I am a property owner on the same block as this project. I realize how much more this building would add to our block. The owner has worked with the Marquette Neighborhood Association and individuals to make changes to the project that incorporate historically appropriate appearance to the building. I really like the final drawings that I have seen and welcome the true improvement to our street.

I am pleased that the Landmarks Commission voted to approve demolition of the existing eyesore at 906 Williamson St. and am hopeful the Commission will likewise approve the details of the new building. I can't say enough about how considerate the professionals involved in the project have taken great pains to make changes that address specific issues.

It is my desire to see the Landmarks Commission approve the proposal and allow the project to move forward on these improvements to our community.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

John A Rolfsmeyer

Owner, 936 Williamson St.