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Landmarks Commissioners:

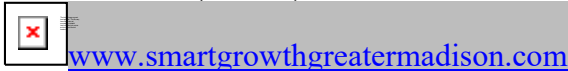
Please recall that when the new Landmarks Ordinance came before you, Smart Growth Greater Madison urged you to recommend to the Common Council to remove the reference to land combinations from MGO section 41.18(4). The provision requiring a separate Certificate of Appropriateness for a land combination, in addition to a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition and a Certificate of Appropriate for a new building, serves no meaningful historic preservation purpose and impedes good infill and redevelopment projects with the local historic districts.

The staff report regarding the proposed combination of 826 Williamson St and 302 S Paterson St demonstrates the validity of the concern Smart Growth expressed to you.

I hope that you will grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for this land combination, as the Marquette Neighborhood Association and Alder Benford have urged you to do. The City of Madison and its residents will be harmed, without any discernible benefit to historic preservation, if you deny this Certificate of Appropriateness.

If you decide that this proposed land combination technically does not meet the standards for a Certificate of Appropriateness, I encourage you to place on an agenda for an upcoming Landmarks Commission meeting a discussion of whether the Landmarks Commission should recommend to the Common Council that the Common Council remove the reference to land combinations from MGO section 41.18 (4).

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