

December 4, 2023

To: City of Madison Landmarks Commission

Re: Hovde Properties Requests for Demolition

Landmarks Commission Meeting Dec. 4 (Item 7), Legistar File No. 75031

Dear Commissioners,

Hovde Properties offers the following responses to the Planning Division Staff Report dated December 4, 2023, by Heather Bailey, Preservation Planner, in connection with Hovde Properties' intent to file for an application for demolition:

- 1. There is no State Street National Register Historic District. To the extent such a district was planned, it was never implemented. The buildings have no historical designation, nor are they a part of any historic district, municipal, national, or otherwise.
- 2. Hovde has previously and continues to express its willingness to save and then incorporate those pieces of terracotta that are salvageable into a new development in the future.
- 3. Hovde has submitted its notice of intent to file an application for demolition at this time after consultation with numerous consultants and construction experts, whom concluded that demolition is necessary to maintain life safety standards and the functionality of both the Churchill Building and Hovde Building during the Wisconsin Historical Society Museum's planned demolition and construction.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Schwenker Hovde Properties