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Urban Design Commission  
215 MLKJ Blvd., Ste. LL100  
Madison, WI 53703

RE: 100 Block Foundation Proposal to Renovate Portions of the 100 Block  
of State Street

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this on behalf of the Madison Public Library Board, of which I serve as President, in connection with the proposal to renovate and reconstruct portions of the 100 Block of State Street.

Since this proposal would substantially renovate and update, particularly the Fairchild/E. Mifflin Street aspect of the block, this proposal was of great interest to the Board. As you no doubt know we are in the process of a significant renovation and expansion of the Central Library to create a world-class urban library space at the current location of Fairchild and Mifflin. When finished, this will be a wonderful and exciting addition to the central city. Thus, the board members have even more interest in matters that affect adjacent and nearby properties.

In the late fall of 2011, we received an informational presentation from the representatives of the 100 Block Foundation, including the architects. Following that presentation, at its meeting on November 3, 2012, the Board went on record in strong support of the project. I enclose a copy of that resolution which was adopted unanimously at the meeting in November.

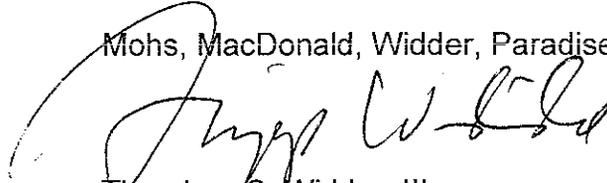
It is my understanding that the proposal has undergone some modifications since that time, but none of those proposed modifications have diminished our support for this renovation. The Fairchild/E. Mifflin aspect of the project will, indeed, be the "front porch view" from the new Central Library and we think the proposed redevelopment will be

exceptionally appealing and in keeping with what we are trying to accomplish at the Central Library. We urge your favorable consideration of the proposal.

Thank you for attention.

Sincerely,

Mohs, MacDonald, Widder, Paradise & Van Note

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theodore C. Widder, III'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'W'.

Theodore C. Widder, III

TCW: eeh  
Enclosure

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Madison Public Library Board (hereinafter "**Board**") is charged with managing the Madison Public Library; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is currently in the process of rebuilding the Madison Central Library at 201 West Mifflin Street, Madison, Wisconsin (hereinafter "**Central Library**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Block 100 Foundation, as the owner of properties situated in the 100 Block of State Street, has proposed a redevelopment of its properties, which includes demolishing several buildings and renovating and expanding others, so as to provide open space and a more attractive appearance to the 100 block of Fairchild Street (hereinafter "**Redevelopment**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment would present a more attractive and pleasing appearance across from the front door of the new Central Library.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board formally endorses and supports the Redevelopment as proposed, and believes that it would be a positive complement to the new Central Library.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2011.

**MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

By:   
Theodore C. Widder, III, President