



City of Somerville  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (DENIED)**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 76 Highland Ave

**PERMIT NUMBER:** HP24-000020

**OWNER:** Li Liu

**OWNER ADDRESS:** 76 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143

**APPLICANT:** Same as Owner

**APPLICANT ADDRESS:** Same as Owner address

**DECISION:** **DENIED**

**DECISION DATE:** July 16, 2024

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) or their designee regarding the **Local Historic District property at 76 Highland Ave.**

**SCOPE OF WORK**

- Removal of the chimney at the rear of the property, left elevation only.

**DETERMINATION**

Under the Somerville Historic Districts Ordinance (HDO) proposed alterations of Local Historic District (LHD) properties must conform to specific criteria set out in the *Design Guidelines*. In the instance of **76 Highland Ave**, the proposal **does NOT** meet the following criterion set out in *Design Guideline Section II, B. Roofs, item 4*, which read(s) as follows:

*4. Preserve the architectural features that give the roof its distinctive character, such as cornices, gutters, iron filigree, cupolas, dormers and brackets. Downspouts should be inconspicuously located and should be painted to match the color of the siding.*

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) found the chimney to be an integral part of the architectural design of the home. The chimney style is emblematic of the Shingle style in which this building is constructed. Furthermore, the Commission noted that the Applicant had not explored any alternatives other than removing the chimney. A denial decision for a Historic Alteration of an LHD property does not prevent an owner/applicant from submitting a future application to the HPC at any time.

Due to the nature of the proposal, the provisions set forth in the Historic District Ordinance (HDO) and related Design Guidelines, the Applicant is **DENIED** a **Certificate of Appropriateness**.

Issued on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, *Chair*  
Dick Bauer  
Ryan Falvey  
DJ Chagnon, *Alt.*

Robin Kelly, *Vice-Chair*  
Denise Price  
Daniel Coughlin, *Alt.*