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ADDRESS: 25 Appleton Street

CASE: HPC.DMO 2021.10

APPLICANT: Kwesi Acquaah

OWNER: 25 Appleton, LLC

DETERMINATION: Preferably Preserved

DECISION DATE: May 18, 2021

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at their ay 18, 2021 meeting regarding the preferable preservation of **25 Appleton Street**.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish all structures located at 25 Appleton Street.

DETERMINATION

The HPC voted 5-0 that the buildings at 25 Appleton Street are Preferably Preserved such:

That the demolition of the building(s) at 25 Appleton Street would be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the City.

In their deliberations, the HPC found that the structure retains it original form and massing, the integrity of its original design and numerous architectural details. 25 Appleton also makes an important contribution to the streetscape as one of multiple two-and three-story Mansard-roof structures built around the same period. The building contributes to the cohesiveness of this streetscape.

Therefore, in accordance with Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO), 25 Appleton St has been determined to be "preferably preserved" and a 12-month demolition delay is imposed.

Submitted on behalf of the HPC:

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