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ADDRESS: 59 Bow Street

CASE: HPC.DMO 2021.13

APPLICANT: 59 Bow St., LLC c/o Elan Sassoon

OWNER: Same as applicant

DETERMINATION: Preferably Preserved

DECISION DATE: May 18, 2021

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) at their April 18, 2021 meeting regarding the preferable preservation of **59 Bow Street**.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant proposes to demolish the principal structure located at **59 Bow Street**.

DETERMINATION

In accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO) 7-28 (e)(7), the Applicant waived the initial determination of significance. By doing so, the building is automatically determined to be a significant building and the Applicant moves directly to the final determination stage at which the HPC determines whether or not the building is to be "preferably preserved".

The HPC voted 5-0 that the building at **59 Bow Street** is **Preferably Preserved** such that the demolition of the building at 59 Bow 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 is part of the fabric of the streetscape of Bow Street. The structure retains its original massing and is consistent in form and fenestration of the Queen Anne style.

Therefore, in accordance with the Demolition Review Ordinance (DRO), 59 Bow Street 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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