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Stewart Gray
Preservation Planner
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission
2100 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28207

RE: Proposed Designation of **Wilmore Elementary School, 428 West Boulevard, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County**

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for the report we received on the proposed designation of **Wilmore Elementary School** located at 428 West Boulevard in Charlotte. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments.

The Wilmore Elementary School is locally significant as an important educational facility for children and as a community gathering place for residents of the surrounding Wilmore neighborhood. In operation from c. 1925-1978, Wilmore Elementary School was constructed to educate children of white, working-class suburbanites. Prominent Charlotte architect Louis Asbury was commissioned to design the main block of the school, while the c. 1948 and c. 1970 additions were designed by Martin E. Boyer, Jr. and Tebee P. Hawkins, respectively.

We have shared recommendations with staff for minor changes to the report. With the recommended revisions, the designation report will provide the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission and the local governing board sufficient information to determine whether Wilmore Elementary School possesses the requisite special significance and integrity for landmark designation.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to the property is subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, nonbinding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed form to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of Wilmore Elementary School. Please contact me at 919-807-6575 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber E. Kidd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and 'K'.

Amber E. Kidd

Local Preservation Commissions / CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure