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RE: Proposed Designation Alexander-Howell House, 250 Cherokee Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for submitting the local landmark report for the Alexander-Howell House, 250 Cherokee Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. We have reviewed the information in the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-946.

According to the report, the Alexander-Howell House is of special local significance because of its architecture and because of its association with textile businessman Sydenham Brevard Alexander, Jr. and his daughter, philanthropist Mary Brevard Alexander Howell.

We made recommendations to staff to make some minor edits and additions. With these minor changes, we feel the report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether the Alexander-Howell House possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Local 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 of the property would be subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission. The owner may receive an annual deferral of up to fifty percent of the property taxes for as long as the property is designated and retains significance and integrity. (N.C.G.S. 105-278 *et seq.*).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, non-binding. 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 designation form or a copy of the ordinance to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the historic Alexander-Howell House, 250 Cherokee Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Please contact me at or Kristi.brantley@dncr.nc.gov (preferred) or 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Brantley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure