

## North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources State Historic Preservation Office

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Stewart Gray Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission 2100 Randolph Rd. Charlotte, NC 28207-1522

RE: Proposed Designation of the Butler House, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for submitting the report for the **Butler House**, **Charlotte**, **Mecklenburg County**. We have reviewed the information in the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-400.6.

According to the report, the Butler House is one of the best and most substantial extant examples of the Craftsman bungalow in the Lockwood neighborhood. The proposed boundary encompasses the parcel associated with the house.

We have shared recommendations with staff to perform changes to the report, which include improving the integrity assessment and inserting more effective comparisons of the house to others in the neighborhood. With these changes, we believe the designation report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether the Butler House possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes properties within the historic district are worthy of preservation because of their special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to these properties 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, 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 form to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of Butler House, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. Please contact me at 919-814-6583 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

Ramona M. Bartos, Deputy

State Historic Preservation Officer

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CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure