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

RE: Proposed designation of the Nevin School, 3523 Nevin Rd., Charlotte, Mecklenburg County

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for the report concerning the Nevin School, 3523 Nevin Rd., 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, Nevin School is of local historical importance as one of the oldest schoolhouses within the Charlotte Township.

We have shared recommendations with staff to perform changes to the report, which mainly include creating clearer statements about integrity and significance. With these changes, we believe the designation report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether Nevin School possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Landmark historic designation means the community recognizes an area is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to property would be subject to 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 copyof the enclosed form to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the Nevin School. Please contact me at 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

Kristi Brantley

Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

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CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure