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

RE: Proposed Designation of **Ashford House, 241 Hoskins Dr., Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.**

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for submitting the report for **Ashford House, 241 Hoskins Dr., 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 (formerly 160A-400.6).

According to the report, the Ashford House is of local historical importance as the best, most intact house of two remaining examples of African American millworker housing at the Hoskins Cotton Mill in Charlotte.

We have shared recommendations with staff to perform changes to the report. The most notable of those suggests strengthening the boundary justification. The report overall, however, is excellent, was well-written, enjoyable to read, and makes a solid case for 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 the Ashford House, 241 Hoskins Avenue Dr., Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. Please contact me at or Kristi.brantley@ncdcr.gov (preferred) 919-814-6583 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 "y".

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure