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

RE: Proposed Designation of F. M. Simmons House, 625 Hermitage Court, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for submitting the report for **F. M. Simmons House, 625 Hermitage Court, 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 Simmons House is of local historical importance as one of the most complete expressions of Neoclassical Revival architecture in Charlotte.

We have shared recommendations with staff to strengthen the report, but those recommendations are modest. Overall, however, the report 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 F. M. Simmons House, 625 Hermitage Court, 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 style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end of the last name.

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure