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

RE: Proposed Designation of Kimberlee Apartments, 1300 Reece Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for submitting the report for **Kimberlee Apartments**, **1300 Reece 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 (formerly 160A-400.6).

According to the report, the Kimberlee Apartments are of local historical importance because the building is one of Charlotte's most distinctive and intact mid-twentieth-century Modernist apartment towers.

The report was thorough and complete. It makes a very good argument for the building's special significance through description, contextual history, and presenting comparison properties. We do not have recommendations for additional strengthening, and we believe the report provides the information that the commission and the local governing body will need to make an informed judgement regarding the building's worthiness for local 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.

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 designation form to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the Kimberlee Apartments, 1300 Reece Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Please contact me at or <u>Kristi.brantley@ncdcr.gov</u> (preferred) or 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

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CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure