



Ms. Gwen Howard, AIA
City of Buffalo Preservation Board
Buffalo City Hall, Room 901
Buffalo, New York 14201

December 17, 2018

Dear Ms. Howard,

We are writing today to respectfully request that the Preservation Board request that the Department of Permits and Inspection Services place an immediate demolition moratorium on the area bounded by Memorial Drive, Paderewski Drive, and Curtiss Street. In the case of emergency demolitions, we would request that Permits and Inspections Services order immediate temporary repairs rather than demolition.

As you may know, the City of Buffalo's Broadway Fillmore Survey conducted in 2003 by Clinton Brown Company Architects found potential for an historic district in this neighborhood, and last year, Preservation Buffalo Niagara worked with Preservation Studios to update this survey and its recommendations, and this area was strongly recommended for Certified Local Historic District Status. It is our intention to begin working with the neighborhood to implement this recommendation in 2019. We spent the balance of 2018 working to implement the Broadway Fillmore Historic District, and this Memorial Triangle area is next on our priority list. One of the reasons this area was recommended is that, unlike many parts of this community, it has managed to retain a high degree of architectural fabric. Wanton removal of buildings outside of this planning process could lead to the loss of the ability to certify the district and therefore remove an important financial incentive from homeowners.

We would be happy to meet with you and with Commissioner Comerford at your earliest possible convenience. In the meantime, we respectfully request that the proposed demolition of 35 Concord be denied by the Preservation Board with a special directive to the Permits office to deny issuance of the demolition permit based on potential historic status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessie Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessie Fisher
Executive Director