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Subject: Nomination of Meads Row at 1305, 1307, 1309 and 1311 H Street NE

Mr Maloney:

Our Commission supports the nomination of Meads Row, 1305 to 1311 H Street, NE (Square 1027, Lots 86, 87, 88 and 89) to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and to the National Register of Historic Places. This letter is the result of a unanimous motion adopted by the Commission at our properly noticed meeting on January 8, 2009.

Our community is eager to protect these significant structures. They are rare survivors of time, fire, and riot – purpose-built to be high-style residences on the upper two floors and commercial storefronts at street level, and both shops and residents have been reflective of the changes in the neighborhood during the period of significance until the present day. These buildings are immediate neighbors of the landmarked *Art Moderne* structure that houses the Atlas Theater and Joy of Motion Dance Studio. Moreover, they are an architecturally significant element of the Arts District – which focuses on the 1300 block of H Street. The H Street Overlay and the Comprehensive Plan express a commitment to preserve and enhance the existing building stock:

***Policy CH-2.1.6: Historic Preservation***

Encourage the preservation of historic buildings along H Street, and promote educational and cultural tourism activities to raise awareness of the corridor's history and unique historic character. Consistent with the H Street Small Area Plan, this should include expanded surveys, tax credits, and a determination of the H Street corridor's eligibility for designation as a National Historic District.

In close, it is our hope that the preservation of Meads Row will lead the way to landmark designation of the 1300 block, and then to designation of H Street as a whole as a National Historic District.

On Behalf of the Commission,

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