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MAYOR

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Bryan Block
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Friday, January 02, 2026

Honorable City Council
1300 Perdido Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: 1410 Jackson Ave.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached, please find a report regarding an appeal of the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission's vote to grant approval of an ARC appeal on a designated landmark building, allowing the construction of the elevator shaft in the proposed location, with the proviso that the height is lowered to be below the historic cornice. If the elevator height cannot be modified to be below the cornice, further Commission review would be required.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Background

- **The historic or architectural significance of the building or structure as designated by its “rating”:** Significant
- **The importance of the building or structure to the tout ensemble of the area:** The late architect and historian Sam Wilson said of this house, “It’s one of the most important houses in the Garden District and one of the best examples of Reynolds’ work. And what’s unusual about it is that what you’ve got there now is pretty much just the way it was.” (New Orleans Times-Picayune, 10/6/90).
- **The special character and aesthetic interest that the building or structure adds to the local Historic District:** This building was built in 1856 for Henry Sullivan Buckner; it was designed by Lewis E. Reynolds. The building was nominated as a local landmark in 1984 and was designated in 1998. More information can be found at the original Landmark Designation Report at: https://edit.nola.gov/nola/media/HDLC/Designation%20Certificates/1410jackson-report_001.pdf
- **Proposal:** The applicant proposed the reconstruction of a historic cupola on the existing widow’s walk and installation of an exterior elevator shaft.



Existing Perspective



Proposed Perspective

Previous ARC & Commission Recommendations & Actions:

12/5/25: The Commission voted to grant approval of an ARC appeal on a designated landmark building, allowing the construction of the elevator shaft in the proposed location, with the proviso that the height be lowered to be below the historic cornice. If the elevator height cannot be modified to be below the cornice, further Commission review would be required.

Additional information and photos may be found in the staff report:

https://sites.google.com/view/no-cmm-120325/old-work-applications/1410-jackson-ave?read_current=1

Video of the hearing may be found here:

https://cityofno.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=34&clip_id=5252