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August 18, 2025

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New Orleans, LA 70112

To Whom It May Concern:

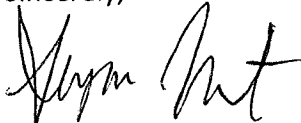
This letter is intended as a **formal appeal** to the Historic District Landmarks Commission's (HDLC) decision of "denial" on August 15, 2025, for the complete demolition of the dilapidated, residential structure at **2339-2341 Laharpe St, New Orleans, LA 70119 (permit reference #25-17395)**. We are requesting that City Council overrule the decision of the HDLC, so that redevelopment can begin as soon as possible for the property at this location.

The Demo Diva, LLC, performed exploratory demolition work that exposed extensive damage to the structure that is beyond repair at this stage. The exploratory demolition proved that the existing structure is unsafe, uninhabitable, and structurally unsound due to years of extreme water and termite damage.

The property owner's goal is to rebuild a new residential structure in its place that will add more value and charm to the neighborhood. Not only will the future work improve the property itself, but it will attract new residents to the area with the new home. As it sits now, the current structure is in very poor condition and remains a safety hazard for residents of both the local community as well as the property owner. Therefore, the best course of action is to demolish the existing structure to rebuild as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this appeal, please contact the original applicant, Alyssa Wernet representing The Demo Diva, LLC, at 504-908-8822 or alyssa@demodiva.com. You can also contact the property owner representative, Emanuel Maire, at 832-651-8113 or emaire@hotmail.com

Sincerely,



Alyssa Wernet
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Bryan D. Block
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Monday, August 18, 2025

Alyssa Wernet
6246 Memphis St
New Orleans, LA 70124

Re: 2339-2341 Laharpe St
Reference Code: 24H25W

Dear Alyssa Wernet:

This letter confirms the actions of the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission at its meeting Friday, August 15, 2025, concerning your application for the following work: Demolition of a Contributing rated, one-story, two-family residential building to grade.

At that time the Commission voted to:

Deny the application for a full demolition to grade but approve the demolition of the rear portion of the structure, provided that the front façade and at least one original room back from the front wall of the building is retained.

Please submit one set of final detailed drawings reflecting the recommendations of the Commission. A list of required drawings and details has been included for your use. Be sure to include all pertinent drawings and details listed. Following review, we will contact you regarding any errors, omissions, or changes. All drawings should be submitted to Staff electronically. Once approved, these drawings will then be transmitted internally to Safety & Permits for their review and permitting. **As such, it is important that the final drawings are sufficient for review by both Departments.**

Should you wish to appeal the Commission's decision to the City Council you must provide a written request for appeal to both the HDLC and the Clerk of Council, City Hall, Room 1E09, New Orleans, LA 70112 within ten (10) calendar days of the Commission meeting. A copy of this letter should be included with the request.

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Should you have any questions concerning this matter, feel free to contact me at (504) 658-7043 or Chad.Spurlin@nola.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CS' with a stylized flourish.

Chad R Spurlin
Historic Preservation Plan Reviewer

Approved__BB__ Bryan Block, Director