



**State Historic
Preservation Office**

July 20, 2011

Karyn M. Gilvarg, A.I.A.
Executive Director
City Plan Department
165 Church Street
New Haven CT. 06510

RE: 138, 181 & 197 Putnam Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Gilvarg:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is in receipt of the "Notice of Intent to Demolish" from the City of New Haven for the above referenced properties. This office notes that 138 Putnam Street is listed as a contributing resource within the boundaries of the Trowbridge Square National Register Historic District and that 181 and 197 Putnam Street are listed in the City of New Haven's Historic and Architectural Resources Index of 1997 as possessing local historic and architectural significance. The proposed demolitions would constitute an adverse effect to the city's cultural resources. Therefore, we recommend that the structures be retained, refurbished and reused.

If it is the contention of the city that there is no reasonable and/or prudent alternative to the proposed demolitions, evidence supporting that view should be submitted to us for review and comment. The additional information should include alternatives to the proposed demolition activities that have been considered and why those alternatives are not feasible. In addition, any information on marketing efforts for the properties that have been undertaken should be provided.

For further information, please contact Ms. Cora Murray, Review and Compliance Associate.

Sincerely,

David Bahlman
State Historic Preservation Officer

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