



Department of Economic and
Community Development

State Historic Preservation Office

June 30, 2015

Elsie Chapman, president
Historic Wooster Square Association Inc.
42 Academy St.
New Haven CT 06511

Re: Proposed Wooster Square National Register district update and expansion

Dear Ms. Chapman,

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has been pleased to work with the Historic Wooster Square Association on its proposal to update the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Wooster Square National Register Historic District and expand the boundaries of the National Register district. As you know, this project would be funded and carried out under SHPO's Hurricane Sandy program.

It has recently become clear that there is significant opposition to this project from property owners within the likely area of expansion. In light of this opposition, our office believes it is prudent to focus on updating the existing National Register district nomination in Wooster Square, without altering the current boundaries.

This is an extremely worthy project that should introduce important new historical themes, designate additional contributing resources within the district, and demonstrate Wooster Square's high level of historic significance in New Haven, the state of Connecticut, and the nation. We are pleased to be able to offer SHPO's services on this exciting project and look forward to working on it with you.

Sincerely,

Kristina Newman-Scott
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: John Herzan, executive director, New Haven Preservation Trust; Karyn Gilvarg,
executive director, New Haven City Plan Department

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