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Kristi Harpst, Program Manager
Charlotte Historic Districts Commission
City of Charlotte
600 E. 4th St., 8th Floor
Charlotte, NC 28202

RE: Proposed designation of **McCrorey Heights Local Historic District, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.**

Dear Ms. Harpst:

Thank you for the report we received on the proposed designation of the **McCrorey Heights Local Historic District**, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-944.

According to the report, McCrorey Heights is of local significance as a well-preserved, early twentieth century neighborhood founded by the president of Johnson C. Smith University, H. L. McCrorey. It is significant for its post- World War II architecture and its history, as it was home to numerous African American leaders in the era of segregation and in the subsequent Civil Rights movement.

We have shared recommendations with staff to perform very minor changes to the report. With these minor changes, we believe the commission and the local governing board will be able to more accurately determine if McCrorey Heights possess the requisite special significance and integrity required for local historic district designation.

Local historic district designation means the community recognizes the district is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to properties within the designated district is subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, nonbinding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Charlotte Historic Districts Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed form to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the McCrorey Heights Local Historic District. Please contact me at Kristi.brantley@ncdcr.gov (preferred) or 919-814-6583 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Brantley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions / CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure