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July 18, 2024

Dear City Council Members:

Please take in the detailed account of a piece of historic property in Kansas City. We MUST do better to protect our city's gems. And to keep our citizens safe.

The Old Hyde Park Historic District supports the timely listing of the Carmen Building, (also referred to as the Deaner Building or the Salvation Army Building), 101 W. Linwood Boulevard, on the Kansas City Register of Historic Places.

The Kansas City Historic Preservation Commission unanimously recognized this property as eligible for listing to the Kansas City Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, for its significance in the labor movement. From 1927 to 1949, it served as the national headquarters for the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

- Kansas City's significant buildings must be allowed to be restored, renovated, or repurposed before resorting to drastic measures like demolition. The demolition of this structure would impact our culturally rich neighborhood in negative ways.
- Many of the historic structures along the Main Street streetcar line have already been lost. Residents of Kansas

City have shown that they value the unique history and culture of Midtown and want to see the new streetcar line revitalize Main Street while preserving its uniqueness. Adding this building to the historic register will help to preserve this balance.

- The owner has no material plans for the property beyond the demolition of the structure. No development plans have been shared with the neighborhood or filed with the City. We are concerned that a valuable, reusable building that could provide much needed housing or small business space could sit for years as another vacant lot.

Today, the Carmen Building contributes to our understanding of the role Kansas City railroads and their workers played in the history of Kansas City. It also signifies several important movements in health care history when it became a center for research.

Please preserve the fabric of our historic, culturally rich Old Hyde Park Historic District neighborhood and recommend the local historic designation of the Carmen Building at 101 W. Linwood Boulevard to the City Council.

Sincerely,

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