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Stewart Gray
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission
2100 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28207

RE: Proposed Designation of the Former Louise Cotton Mill House, 1104 Pamlico Street, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for the report we received on the proposed designation of the Former Louise Cotton Mill House located at 1104 Pamlico Street in Charlotte. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments.

The report states, the Former Louise Cotton Mill House located at 1104 Pamlico Street has special local significance because the mill village, "illustrated Louise Cotton Mill's role in the emergence of Charlotte as a major textile manufacturing in the Piedmont between 1880 and 1930"; is currently facing development pressure; possesses good integrity; and "illustrates the interface between the homes of workers and the mill in which they labored."

Although the report provides informative context on the history of mill villages it is unclear why this particular mill house possesses special local significance and the requisite integrity to warrant designation as a local historic landmark when compared to the other extant mill houses associated with the former Louise Cotton Mill.

We have shared recommendations with staff for changes to the report. Once the report has been revised to include staff's recommendations, we believe the commission and the local governing board will be able to more accurately determine if the former mill house located at 1104 Pamlico Street possesses the requisite special significance and integrity required for designation as a local historic landmark.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to the property is subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission.

If the local governing board wishes to extend the Commission's design review authority to significant features of the interior, the owner must give written consent. The designation ordinance must specify the features and describe the nature of the Commission's design review authority over them.

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-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks 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 Former Louise Cotton Mill House located at 1104 Pamlico Street in Charlotte. Please contact me at 919-814-6575 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber E. Stimpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Amber E. Stimpson
Local Preservation Commissions / CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure