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April 14, 2017

Mr. Keith Niven AICP, CEcD

Economic Development and Development Services Director  
PO Box 1307  
ISSAQUAH, WA 98027-1307

Re: Proposed Determination of Non-significance  
Permit No. DEM 17-00002 SEP 17-00004

Dear Mr. Niven;

On behalf of DOCOMOMO US, the US chapter of the eponymous international organization dedicated to the preservation and conservation of modern architecture, we are writing to comment on the demolition of 4221 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE in Issaquah, WA.

Others have commented at great length on the significance of this property in the larger cultural and architectural context. We concur with those evaluations and strongly support that point of view.

We would like to add that we believe that the *dalle de verre* panels created by the French studio of Charles Loire are of great significance. This technique of encapsulating hand hammered prismatic glass in a concrete or epoxy matrix led to remarkable windows that represent an – often – new iconographic interpretation of religious themes. Charles Loire was one of the most important artists to introduce that technique. Several examples of his early work have received national and local landmark recognition.

Because of the above we believe that the structure and its features are not to be demolished but rather deserve to be preserved.



Dr. Theodore H. M. Prudon FAIA FAPT  
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