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RE: Proposed Designation of the **Washington Street Local Historic District, High Point, Guilford County.**

Dear Mr. Fencl:

Thank you for the report you submitted on the proposed designation of the Washington Street Local Historic District, High Point, Guilford County. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-944.

Archaeological remains may be an important component of the significance of the Washington Street Local Historic District. At this time no investigation has been done to discover these remains, but it is likely that they exist, and these potential remains should be considered in any future development within the district.

The report provides a thorough examination of the history, the residents, the businesses, the historic architecture, and the important contextual analyses of the architecture and commerce of this community. We believe it provides the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether the Washington Street Local Historic District possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity 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. If designated, any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to properties within the district are 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 High Point

Historic Preservation 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 Washington Street Local Historic District. Please contact me at Kristi.brantley@ncdcr.gov (preferred) or 919-814-6576 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, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions / CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure