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October 31, 2022

Commissioner Earnest Wong  
Commission on Chicago Landmarks  
City of Chicago Department of Planning & Development  
121 N LaSalle Street, 10th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60602

Via Email

**Re: Double Door Theater, 1050 W Wilson Chicago  
Historic Preservation Staff Review**

Dear Commissioner Wong:

I am writing you on behalf of the Double Door Theater project located at 1050 W Wilson. I have been involved with the owners of Double Door for more than three years in their plan to restore the old Wilson Theater property. This project will enhance the livability of Uptown and will be an incredible addition to the Uptown Entertainment District. Double Door will bring daily traffic to the neighborhood which will bring increased revenue and visibility to Uptown.

I have reviewed the plans for the building. The facade is the contributing factor being reviewed by your office. I cannot express how excited we are with the design proposed by the Double Door. They have researched the history of the building and are proposing to return it to its original glory. They plan to install the canopy and signage to mirror the original design. This will compliment other historic entertainment venues in the Uptown Historic Entertainment District such as the Riviera Theater, The Aragon Theater, the Green Mill and the proposed renovation of the Uptown Theater. We are looking forward to the opening of the Double Door Theater and are pleased that they have decided to restore this amazing building.

It is for all of these reasons that I support Double Door plans for the facade and request that you approve their proposal.

Sincerely,

James Cappleman, 46th Ward