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October 28, 2021

Ms. Kathleen Dickhut  
Deputy Commissioner  
Planning, Design and Historic Preservation Division  
Department of Planning and Development  
121 N. LaSalle St., Room 1000  
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave.

Dear Deputy Commissioner Dickhut,

Earlier this month, Near South Planning Board's project review committee had the opportunity to review the proposed modifications to Hilton Chicago's entrance and canopy on South Michigan Avenue. This gem of a hotel, located in the Historic Michigan Boulevard District, has been a major staple in the Near South Side for many glorious years. It's part of the fabric that makes the Near South Side a great place to live, work, and visit.

We recognize the importance of upkeep and the need for modernization in these older buildings, especially on South Michigan Avenue, and applaud the Hilton for dedicating time and resources for such costly endeavors.

The terrific changes proposed such as modernizing the overall canopy, replacing the deteriorating brass, and upgrading the heavy revolving doors to be ADA compliant, to name a few, all seem within reason and would not have an adverse effect on the landmark district. As such, Near South Planning Board's project review committee, pending full Board approval on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, wholeheartedly supports the proposed modifications to the entrance and canopy on Michigan Avenue and urge approval by the City's Landmarks Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name being particularly prominent.

Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson  
President & Executive Director

C: Alderman Sophia King  
John Wells, General Manager, Hilton Chicago  
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November 1, 2021

Mr. Maurice Cox  
Commissioner  
Department of Planning and Development  
121 N. LaSalle St, Room 1000  
Chicago, IL 60602

**RE: 3659 North Springfield Avenue**

Dear Commissioner Cox:

Let this letter serve notice that I have no objections with Mr. Matt Hellige and his plans to remodel the property known as 3659 N. Springfield Ave., as long as the work being done meets with Landmarks Historic District Commission's regulations and zoning rules.

Sincerely,

Ariel E. Reboyras  
Alderman, 30th Ward

cc: Mr. Lawrence Shure, Planner