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To: Board of Representatives,

At the last Land Use Committee meeting, there were several property owners at the meeting that were not given an

opportunity to speak in favor of the Study committee due to prior request from the chair for there to be only one

spokesperson. Those who opposed the concept were invited developers and real estate investors who have their

own separate interest, and thus would not embrace the same objectives for historic preservation.

There was only one resident who expressed their disagreement for a Study Committee.

Further, our Ad-hoc group has made it clear at both the Land Use and the Board of Representatives meetings that this is

NOT an NRZ initiative. We are not anti-development but for balanced development into the historic area.

We have reached out to many property and small business owners in the South End who would appreciate more

information about a local historic district which we will provide too them upon approval of the Study Committee.

One of the objectives of the Study Committee is to investigate by formally reaching out to the public as well as to provide

a defined map of the boundaries. All of this is stated in the Section 97A of the SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office)

handbook. Th results of the Study will include consideration of all opinions giving taxpayers/landowners, the

right to speak for themselves. To reiterate, this Study will be of zero cost to the City of Stamford.

The results of the Study will determine which property owners are interested in participating with a resulting map of boundaries for a

proposed historic district. In keeping with the state rules, the BOR first approves the Study Committee to move forward to collect teh voice

of the neighborhood thus, this information cannot be available in advance of the study. Any non-matching grants received will be used for a

SHPO appointed consultant who is an expert in the discipline of historic preservation.

We appreciate your giving us an opportunity to further advance this important neighborhood initiative to blend the future

with the rich history that the South End contributed to Stamford.

Respectfully,

Susan Halpern Ad-hoc Committee