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TO: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment Committee  
Board of Representatives  
Zoning Department and Officials  
Mayor's Office, City of Stamford

FROM: Renee Kahn, Historic Preservation Consultant  
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RE: Resolution LU30.031

Dear Co-Chairmen de la Cruz and Pia, Members of the Committee

I am writing on behalf of the South End, a neighborhood threatened with imminent destruction. Despite having been listed on the National Register of Historic Places for over thirty years, the structures that define the South End of Stamford are slowly being lost to intense development pressure. The only hope of saving the remaining blocks lies in the establishment of what is known as a State and Local Historic District, one that has some ability to regulate preservation, rather than just 'suggest' it.

In order to begin an effective review process, a study committee needs to be formed immediately and that action now lies in your hands. Each day that passes puts the historic buildings that remain in jeopardy; action cannot be delayed any longer. The study is consistent with federal and municipal policy and will not require City funding to complete.

The preservation of our city's historic buildings is not a detriment to growth, but a way in which to create a vibrant, diverse city that can be enjoyed by people of all backgrounds and walks of life.

Renee Kahn