

October 17, 2019

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honorable David Martin
Mayor, City of Stamford

Dear Mayor Martin:

I am writing concerning the recent request by members of your local community to appoint a study committee to explore the possibility of establishing an historic district in Stamford's South End. As you know, this is merely a first step in the statutory process to explore whether an historic district is even feasible. It does not constitute a commitment or obligation to designate such an area.

Should you or the Board of Representatives decide to appoint the study committee, this office can offer assistance that would facilitate meeting the goals of the local community. This includes funding for a consultant to prepare the study report that will be necessary to bring the matter to a vote by the residents of the proposed district and a final vote by the Board of Representatives.

The City of Stamford has been a Certified Local Government (CLG) since 2011 and as such, is a preservation partner with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS). Enforcing appropriate state and/or local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties is a minimum requirement for certification.

This office is not advocating for or against the designation of a local district in the South End, but it does want to be sure that the City's actions as a CLG are consistent with its official commitment to preservation planning policies.

I welcome the opportunity to talk with you at your convenience regarding this process. I can be reached at 860-500-2356 or mary.dunne@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



Mary Dunne
State Historic Preservation Officer

Cc:

Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief

State Historic Preservation Office