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Re: Objection to Designation of 91 Madison Avenue South

Dear Jessica,

We hope this letter finds you well. As active members of this community, we deeply value our partnership with the city and appreciate the efforts to preserve our shared heritage.

However, after careful consideration and consultation with our congregation, we respectfully register our formal objection to the designation of our church building as a heritage site.

Our primary concern revolves around the financial implications that such a designation would entail. As a church community, our resources are primarily dedicated to sustaining our spiritual and community-building activities. The additional financial burden of meeting the stringent standards of a heritage building would significantly strain our already limited resources and hinder our ability to fulfill our mission effectively.

Furthermore, while we acknowledge the importance of preserving historical architecture, we must also consider the practical challenges associated with maintaining a heritage building. The restrictions imposed by heritage designation could limit our ability to adapt the space to accommodate evolving community needs and spiritual practices. We have made efforts over the years to maintain key elements of the building, such as the stained glass and chandelier, and intend to continue to keep up this maintenance.

We trust that our concerns will be taken into consideration. Please let us know if any further discussion is required to find a solution that respects both the historical significance of our building and the practical needs of our congregation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Board Member, International Fellowship Church of God