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Brenda Bauer  
700 5th Avenue Ste. 5200; PO Box 94689  
Seattle, WA 98124

Subject: 1925 Minor Avenue

Dear Ms. Bauer:

As part of the City's downtown planning efforts and in conjunction with the changes made to our downtown zoning code in 2006, the City of Seattle undertook a survey and inventory of properties in downtown Seattle last year. That effort, which was requested in the City Council's Livability Resolution No. 30864, was made to identify potential landmark properties, to ensure that property owners were able to plan accordingly for future development, and to initiate landmark designation for potential sites. While more than 50 properties in the study area are already designated as Seattle landmarks, an effort was made to perform a comprehensive survey and inventory to assist downtown property owners in planning efforts. All buildings over 50 years old that are proposed for redevelopment are referred to the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board as part of the City's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) policies. The City believes that this survey and inventory effort will assist property owners with planning for both preservation of historic buildings, adaptive re-use of historic buildings and new development.

Your property at 1925 Minor Avenue, has been identified as one that has been so altered that it would not qualify as a Seattle landmark. The City will be amending its Interdepartmental Agreement between the Department of Neighborhoods and the Department of Planning and Development to specify that your property has been determined not eligible and that no landmark nomination would be required during the SEPA process for any redevelopment on the site. This should expedite one portion of the review process for development. If you would like to learn more about the City's landmark designation process, please see our website at: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/landmarks.htm> and if you would like to better understand the effect of this effort on future redevelopment of your site in relation to City SEPA requirements, please see the Client Assistance Memo (CAM) 3000 at: <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/dclu/Publications/cam/cam3000.pdf>.

All properties built prior to 1966 were surveyed with the exception of the Metropolitan Tract, owned and operated by the University of Washington. Approximately 387 properties were included in the survey and inventory. Of those buildings, 37 properties were identified as eligible for nomination as a Seattle landmark and landmark nomination applications have been prepared for submission to the Landmarks Preservation Board (Board). An additional 56 buildings were also identified for landmark nomination consideration and landmark nominations will be prepared for consideration by the Board in 2008-2009. Of the remaining properties, 176 were determined to be so altered that they could not be considered for landmark nomination. The remaining 118 buildings have some historic features and may be eligible for consideration but did not warrant the preparation of a landmark nomination at this time. The boundaries of the survey area are Denny Way on the north, the northern boundaries of the Pioneer Square Preservation District on the south, the waterfront on the west and Interstate-5 on the east.

All of the downtown properties are listed in the Department of Neighborhoods' searchable database at <http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/historicalsites/>.

We have made every effort to find the correct property owner for this address; however, if you are not the property owner or agent for the property owner, please contact me as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the survey and inventory process, please feel free to contact me at [karen.gordon@seattle.gov](mailto:karen.gordon@seattle.gov) or at 206-684-0381.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Gordon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Karen Gordon  
City Historic Preservation Officer