



October 29, 2024

Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: 700-34 Race Street

Dear Members of the Historical Commission,

As the co-nominators of 700-34 Race Street, we are writing to formally request a three-month continuance of the upcoming consideration of the nomination of the former Police Administration Building, commonly known as the Roundhouse, to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.

The grounds for this request are rooted in the recent changes at the Historical Commission, Planning Commission, and Department of Planning and Development. Given these changes, we believe it is imperative that the new members are provided sufficient opportunity to fully understand the historical and cultural significance of this property, including the extensive, City-funded community engagement process that was undertaken by the Department of Planning and Development in 2022 – 2023. A thorough understanding of these disparate elements is essential to ensure that all voices are heard and that the property's significance is fully considered.

We believe that a three-month extension will allow for all relevant parties to be fully informed and engaged.

Thank you for sharing this request with the Commissioners. We appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate this transitional period.

Sincerely,

Paul Steinke
Executive Director, Preservation Alliance

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