

Public Comment Regarding the Proposed
Northwest Philadelphia Thematic Historic
District

Philadelphia Historical Commission
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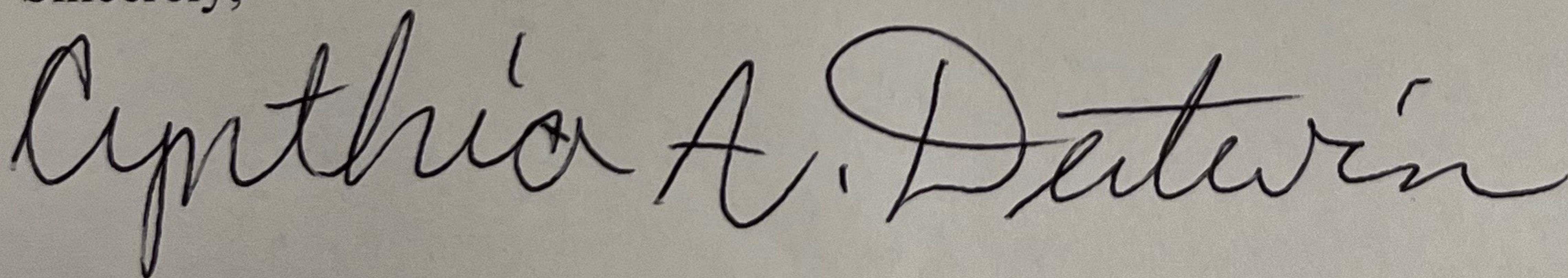
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia A. Deterwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

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7 of the buildings, the Tulwayne, English Manor, Tulpehocken, Lennox, Wayne-Walnut, Wayne Manor, and Copley Manor sit within our boundaries.

In addition to their stately appearance, their locations represent the significance of the early railroad development here and the continued importance of SEPTA's regional rail.

We urge you to vote for their inclusion into the Philadelphia Registry of Historic Places so that it can receive protection under Philadelphia's ordinances and laws.

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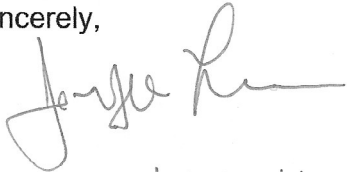
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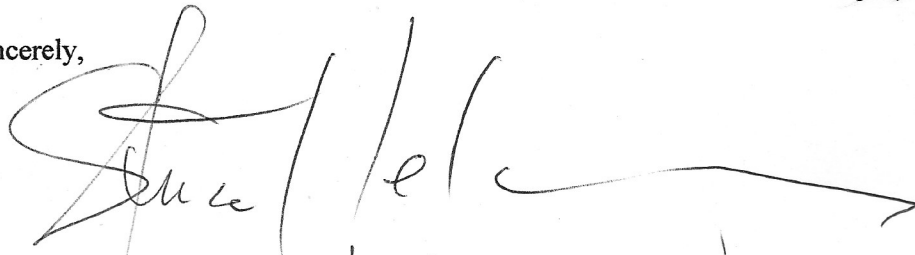
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