

1501 Fairmount Avenue
public comment



601 N. 17th St., 1st Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Mr. Jonathan Farnham,
Executive Director
and Members of the Architectural Committee
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

April 17, 2025

Re: 1501 Fairmount Ave.

Dear Mr. Farnham and Members of the Architectural Committee:

Spring Garden Civic Association ("SGCA") Zoning Committee members met with the developer, Odin Properties, and their professionals, by Zoom, to review proposed plans for 1501 Fairmount Ave., and provided comments; and we have also exchanged several emails. We have also been in communication with nearby residents, including from Francisville, regarding the revised plans.

As a result of our conversations, and other input provided to the developer, the plans were revised, twice, and, in our view, significantly improved in materials and design.

The revised height is now within the allowable height under the Zoning Code for CMX-2.5, the zoning designation for this property; and other changes were included to make the structure more compatible with the abutting Victorian properties on Fairmount Ave. and Swain St. The revised plans also preserve important features of what remains of the historic structure facade.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Justino E. Navarro