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John R. Rogers Jr. Planning Coordinator Charlotte Historic District Commission Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department 600 East Fourth Street Charlotte, NC 28202-2853

Re: Landmark designation report for Wilmore Historic District, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for the landmark designation report for the Wilmore Historic District, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. We have reviewed the information in the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-400.6

The Wilmore Historic District is an important early twentieth-century intact streetcar suburban development located southwest of the city center. Platted in 1906 by real estate developer F. C. Abbott, the neighborhood was built out over the next several decades, with the period 1920 to 1949 as its period of significance. Bungalows, Craftsman houses, Foursquares, period cottages and Minimal Traditional houses with very good historic integrity are found in the largely intact historic neighborhood.

We have made suggestions to the staff for additional information about the architectural context for the different house forms and styles found in the district to be added to the report. When this information is provided, we think that the designation report will provide the Charlotte Historic District Commission and the Charlotte City Council adequate information to determine that the district has the requisite special significance and integrity for landmark designation.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the report. Our comments are advisory only and are not binding. Once the necessary public hearing or hearings have been held, the Charlotte City Council may proceed with the designation decision. When the Charlotte City Council has concluded its action on the designation ordinance, please complete and return the confirmation form enclosed with this letter. If changes are made to the report, we would appreciate your sending us a copy.

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This letter serves as our comments on the proposed local designation of the Wilmore Historic District. Should you have any questions about our comments, please feel free to contact me at 919-807-6587.

Sincerely,

Ann V. Swallow

National Register Coordinator

On behalf of the Preservation Commission Services program

Enclosure