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Mr. Christopher Leswing, Director of Building & Planning
Building & Planning Department
Township of Lower Merion
75 East Lancaster Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003

Re: MCPC #18-0313-001
Historic Resource Inventory
Township of Lower Merion

Dear Mr. Leswing:

We have reviewed the above-referenced zoning ordinance text amendment in accordance with Section 609 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code" as you requested on December 18, 2018. We forward this letter as a report of review and recommendations.

BACKGROUND

The proposed amendments will expand the list of structures and objects listed on the Township's Historic Resource Inventory, Chapter A180 of the Township Code. Section A180-1 is proposed to be amended by upgrading the property at 163 Bala Avenue from a Class II historic resource to a Class I historic resource.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) generally supports the Township's proposed zoning ordinance amendments to expand the list of resources in their Historic Resource Inventory. The Sustainable Places Element of the Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, *Montco2040: A Shared Vision* calls for continued cooperation to preserve historic properties and landscapes. We commend the Township for working to expand their historic preservation activities.

CONCLUSION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission supports the proposed zoning ordinance amendments without comment as we have not identified any significant issues.



Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposed amendments will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body adopt these proposed zoning ordinance text amendments, Section 609 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires that we be sent an official copy within 30 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marley B Bice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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