

Louisiana Landmarks Society

New Orleans City Planning Commission

New Orleans, Louisiana

March 9, 2004

RE: Zoning Docket 8/04
Municipal Address: 400 Short Street

Dear City Planning Commission Members:

The Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Landmarks Society has researched the above-referenced development and has interviewed both parties (the developers and neighborhood representatives) regarding the residential tower currently before the Commission for approval.

For the reasons listed below, we cannot approve a project of this magnitude in a small-scale, residential area of the city:

- It is far beyond the limits of the current zoning, including a wholesale zoning change and massive height waiver
- It is greatly out of character with the neighborhood
- It greatly reduces the integrity of the investments made by the people who live adjacent to the project.
- There are plenty of economic opportunities for the developer on this site without building a tower.

We support the neighborhoods in their opposition to this project and urge the Commission to deny the approval of this condominium tower.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Tomlinson
President