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Re: Proposed Residence Halls at Salve Regina University

Dear Ms. Johnson:

As an architect and partner at Robert A.M. Stern Architects, I am writing in support of Salve Regina University's plan to build new residence halls for third-year students on its campus. Throughout my work with Salve Regina designing the Rodgers Recreation Center and Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, the University worked diligently to ensure that new construction aligns with and is complementary to the University's historic neighborhood.

I have seen plans for the new dormitories that address size, scale, massing, and context. I also have read the opinion of the Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission of January 2, 2019 stating that the residence halls project will not adversely affect the historical significance of the district. From what I have seen I agree with that opinion.

Based on my own prior experience with the University, this kind of continued partnership with planners and neighbors should ensure Salve Regina's ongoing commitment to preserving the integrity of their historic campus, which has garnered awards such as the prestigious Arthur Ross Award for Stewardship from the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art. The leadership of Salve Regina University are great stewards of the campus's rich architectural heritage.

Sincerely,



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Partner