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RE: Historical Designation of old Fire Station 24 located at 4501 Hiawatha Ave S.

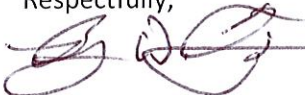
To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the historical designation of the building which used to be Fire Station 24 located at 4501 Hiawatha Ave S.

The building bears historical significance for the Minneapolis Fire Department as well as the City of Minneapolis. Fire Station 24 was used to house the City's first all African American fire crews near the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The story of how that came about, the controversy it caused, and the community's response make for an interesting chapter in Minneapolis' history. The story is documented in several writings including a story in the Star-Tribune recently published by Randy Furst.

As the current fire chief of the Minneapolis Fire Department, I wholeheartedly support this request.

Respectfully,



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