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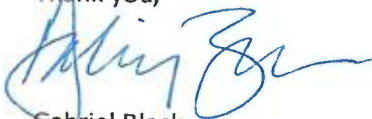
VIA EMAIL DELIVERY

RE: 2117 -2123 Market Street Landmark Designation

Dear Tim,

This letter serves as our written notification that CTC RE III, LLC is not interested pursuing Landmark Designation for property at 2117-2123 Market Street. We do not feel the designation will benefit us and limits any future options that we might want to explore.

Thank you,



Gabriel Block
Managing Member

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Subject: New Era Hall Landmark Designation
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April 24, 2017

Andrew Wolfram, Commission President
San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission
1650 Mission St., Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: New Era Hall Landmark Designation

Dear President Wolfram:

As a longtime tenant of 2117-2123 Market Street, historically known as New Era Hall, I strongly support Article 10 City landmark designation for the building. Designed by architect August Nordin and built in 1906 just seven months after the earthquake and fire, New Era Hall provided crucial meeting space for organizations displaced by the disaster. It also housed the Visalia Stock Saddle Company, a pioneer Mexican American business with statewide significance, until 1953. In addition, the building is one of the few surviving social halls that existed in 1907.

For the past 65 years the building has been the home of the Academy of Ballet, an important part of San Francisco's arts community. Dancers educated there had gone to careers in major dance companies around the world. It has also served as a rehearsal space for internationally famed dance companies including American Ballet Theater, Bolshoi Ballet of Moscow, Kirov Ballet of St. Petersburg and the Royal Ballet of London. Artist such as Margot Fontaine, Galina Ulanova, Natalia Makarova, Rudolf Nureyev, Erik Bruhn among many others have danced in the studio at 2121 Market Street. The Academy of Ballet was mentioned often in Herb Caen column and in Tales of a City. Currently the Academy hosts Smuin Ballet SF and 320 students of the Academy of Ballet.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to designate New Era Hall, located at 2117-2123 Market Street, as a city landmark.

Sincerely,

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