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Dear Mayor Vinatieri and members of the City Council,

For the past two years, several of the fees for historic preservation, including applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness and Mills Act applications, have been waived, either entirely or under certain circumstances. The proposed fee schedule includes high fees to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness, Mills Act, and other fees related to preserving historic resources. As the owner of a historic resource, I expect to need to apply for Certificates of Appropriateness in order to simply maintain and improve my home. I also am planing to apply for the Mills Act, but have had difficulty finding contractors willing to give estimates for projects that could take place any time in the next ten years. I had hoped to file my application before the end of this fiscal year, but have not been able to get all the information I need about the work needed and costs.

Please remove this item from the consent agenda and either remove these fees that heavily impact owners of historic properties, or amend the resolution to clarify that the fee waivers that were in effect this past year will continue in effect for the coming fiscal year.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Susan Cameron

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