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Dear Council Members,

I am emailing to ask you to reject the school board's appeal of the Heritage Preservation Commission's listing of Lincoln School. I submitted a letter to the commission in favor of listing. My reasons are in that letter which should be part of the record.

Briefly, in addition to the historic value of this property, I am concerned about the carbon costs of demolishing refurbishable buildings. Studies I've read show that in almost every case, deep retrofits are much lower in carbon emissions than demolishing and building new. Even if a new building is built to highest energy efficiency standards, the carbon "pay back" is measured in decades. We don't have decades. We have a great building that could become a real showplace and model for others. Please keep it on the list.

Thank you.

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