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By Email

The Honorable Levar M. Stoney
900 E. Broad St., Suite 201
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: 730 East Broad Street (Theater Row)

Dear Mayor Stoney:

Historic Richmond Foundation is writing in the context of Resolution 2020-R034 to declare surplus and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to seek proposals for certain properties, including 730 East Broad Street.

Historic Richmond would like to remind the City of our past collaborations with respect to the 700 block of East Broad Street, also known as Theatre Row. In 1991, Historic Richmond, with assistance from the City, acquired the entire 700 block of East Broad Street. We were able to save the entire National Theatre, which was later revitalized and rehabilitated. We transferred the Colonial Theatre and the State Theatre to Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for development of a new State Social Services Building completed in 1993. The office complex incorporated the Colonial Theatre's architecturally renowned façade protected by easements granted to Historic Richmond. Through these transactions and our diligent and costly efforts, we were able to preserve and protect the streetscape of this historic block.

Our interest in the historic façade of the Colonial Theatre was memorialized in that certain Deed of Easement between the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Historic Richmond, dated November 11, 1991, and recorded at Deed Book #284 and Page #1697, and relating to the "Easement Property" as defined therein. Historic Richmond notes that the Easement is perpetual and that Section 8 of the Easement further provides that "*Any such transfer or sale shall be subject to the rights granted and obligations imposed hereunder.*"

As Resolution 2020-R034 and matters relating to 730 East Broad Street are considered by City Council and your administration, we ask that you keep both the historic nature of this streetscape and our easement rights in mind.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We can be reached at 804-643-7407 or ccrump@historicrichmond.com.

Sincerely yours,



Cyane Crump
Executive Director

cc: Harold J. Williams III, Board President
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