



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Urban Design Committee  
City of Richmond  
900 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: UDC No. 2016-12: Conceptual Location, Character and Extent review of  
Maggie Walker Memorial Plaza

Dear Members of the Urban Design Committee:

Over the past several months and as recently as today, the Department of Historic Resources has received numerous requests from the public that this agency take a position regarding the various issues related to the proposed Maggie Walker monument. I have declined to weigh in on any issue that falls outside the purview of DHR's authority or is unrelated to the programs we administer.

I am writing to offer the opinion that the proposed location for the monument at the intersection of Brook Road and Broad Street, which would significantly alter the unusual, character-defining historic street pattern, would diminish the physical integrity, particularly the historic setting, of the Broad Street Commercial Historic District which is listed on both the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places. I believe this to be the case regardless of the fact that the plaza design may incorporate references to the historic street. I realize that there are many factors that you must weigh in reaching a recommendation, but the project's impact to the integrity of the historic district should be fully considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie V. Langan".

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