

February 26, 2019

City Council Members
City of Oklahoma City
200 North Walker Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing today on behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects, Central Oklahoma Chapter to ask for your support for the preservation of First Christian Church; and specifically, your YES vote in designating the building a Historical Landmark.

First Christian Church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a structure that is architecturally, socially, and culturally significant. Furthermore, First Christian Church is a shining example of mid-century modern architecture in Oklahoma City, and due to prior losses, is one of the very few examples of this era that remain in the metro area. Finally, as one of the most recognizable structures in Oklahoma City, First Christian Church is a long-standing landmark that is beloved by the community, making it most certainly worthy of saving.

AIA Central Oklahoma is committed to promoting excellence in our built environment through quality architecture. We believe preserving the past to connect it with the future is an important part of a city's identity. By making First Christian Church a Historical Landmark you will put in place a design review process, which we feel is necessary for such a significant building.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in designating First Christian Church a Historical Landmark. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (405) 532-8080 or our Executive Director, Melissa Hunt, at (405) 948-7174.

Sincerely,



Mike Patterson, AIA
2019 President