

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Massachusetts Historical Commission

March 15, 2004

Mr. Albert Rex Boston Preservation Alliance 45 School Street Boston, MA 02108

Dear Albert:

The National Register nomination for the Fort Point Channel Historic District, Boston, Massachusetts, has been scheduled for consideration by the State Review Board on Wednesday, June 9, 2004.

Federal regulations require that the State Historic Preservation Officer notify property owners of pending Review Board consideration 60 to 120 days before the date of the meeting so that they may comment on the action. The regulations also require that owners' names and addresses be obtained no more than 90 days before the date of the notification letter. We depend on the nominating party to check local property records and provide us with up-to-date owner information.

Since the MHC plans to notify each property owner individually, we request that you submit a complete list of the owners of property (including vacant parcels) in the proposed district. In addition to the owner's name and address, the entry for each parcel should reference the assessor's number, the street address of the property, and the name of the proposed district in which the property is located.

Sample:

RE: Assessor's Map 23, parcel 52, 320-324 Congress Street

Fort Point Channel Historic District

Mr. John Q. Owner P. O. Box 7 Boston, MA 02111

A copy of the District Data Sheet for the proposed Fort Point Channel Historic District and a blank Word formatted diskette are enclosed for your convenience. When you return the diskette,

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please indicate what word-processing program was used in creating the files containing the lists of property owners. MHC staff request that you return the list/diskette to this office no later than March 29, 2004. If you cannot meet this deadline, please let me know as soon as possible.

In an ongoing effort to increase public awareness, the Massachusetts Historical Commission recommends that the Boston Landmarks Commission hold a public meeting to provide all interested parties with information about the nomination and to answer any questions that property owners in the proposed district may have about the effects of National Register listing. Since the MHC intends to mention the public meeting in the notification letter sent to property owners, MHC staff request that you call at your earliest convenience to discuss possible dates, times, and locations for such a meeting. Coordinating this meeting with the schedule of consultant Ed Gordon is suggested.

In addition, the MHC will be placing a draft version of the nomination in a local library. We would therefore appreciate your providing us also with the name and address of the most appropriate library and its head librarian.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg

National Register Director

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Massachusetts Historical Commission

cc: Roysin Billett/Ellen Lipsey, Boston Landmarks Commission

Edward Gordon, consultant

Enclosure:

District Data Sheet

blank MS-Word formatted diskette