

The Boston Preservation Alliance

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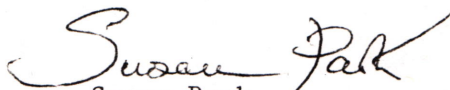
Pauline Chase Harrell, Chairman
Boston Landmarks Commission
Environment Dept., Room 805
City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

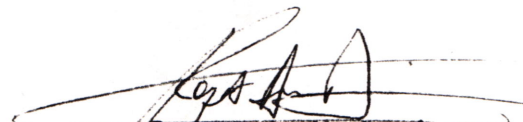
Dear Ms. Harrell:

The Boston Preservation Alliance urges redesignation of the United Shoe Machinery Building as a Landmark.

One of the most outstanding and significant examples of the "Art Deco" style in Boston, the United Shoe Building is a testimonial to the power of the shoe industry in Massachusetts. As The Boston Globe pointed out at the Building's completion, "United Shoe is not only the controlling factor in the American shoe industry, but the controlling factor in the Boston First National Bank, and thus the city's money. Its new building is an expressive monument to its power." With its restored lobby and semi-intact storefronts, the United Shoe Machinery Building is a significant City Landmark and deserves official status immediately.

Sincerely,


Susan Park
Chairman


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Executive Director

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