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Monterey, MA 01245
"Langdon - Hyde House "

To the Select Board

We have read the minutes of the June 23rd Select Board meeting concerning the proposal by Steve Weisz to give the Historical Commission an activist role in renovation of houses on the MACRIS list.

It has come as a surprise to us that the MACRIS list exists and that our home is included on it. At the time of our purchase in 2004 we were not informed by our attorney or agent that our home was on this list.

We have done considerable renovations since our purchase to restore and repair our house in plans that complied with all code requirements. We have preserved the historic nature of the house and at the same time improved the building with all current updated code requirements.

It is unclear to us why this dormant commission created in 1974 would now be activated after this long a time. As a general contractor with over 28 years of experience, the renovation process is complicated enough without adding the Historical Commission input.

We are concerned how the Historical Commission's proposal financially impacts owners of older "historic " homes, both from a cost of maintenance and resale value in Monterey.

We oppose the proposal to allow the Historical Commission additional review of and potential involvement in the renovation process. We are also opposed to any further restrictions being placed on older houses in Monterey.

Respectfully,

Susan Popper and Rocky Greenberg