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September 21, 2021

Mr. Maurice Cox, Commissioner
Commission on Chicago Landmarks
Cook County Building
121 N. LaSalle Street, #1101
Chicago, Illinois, 60602

Dear Commissioner Cox:

I write to support the historic designation of the home of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, also known as the Elijah Muhammad House Museum or Sajdah House, located at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60615. It is my understanding this historic treasure has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was a giant in Black history and the Civil Rights Movement. He was also a ground-breaking religious leader and an icon to Muslim Americans across the United States and around the world. He was a role model for generations, inspiring Black empowerment in religious and political endeavors. At the height of segregation and Jim Crow, he inspired millions to learn our true history, embrace our inherent self-worth, and to strengthen our communities through education and supporting our own institutions and culture. This man's legacy needs to be preserved and recognized, particularly his physical home, where so much of his life's work was undertaken.

I strongly support the historic designation and addition of the Elijah Muhammad House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress

Letter of Support: The Elijah Muhammad House™ nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

Abdul Qiyam Muhammad <jesse.muhammad@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 7:29 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear The City of Chicago Program Committee of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks,

I am submitting this letter in support and celebration of The Elijah Muhammad House™ nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

I am a resident of Houston, Texas and I am very excited about this news and I hope your committee will vote in favor of this nomination and recognize the value of such an amazing national and international treasure.

The city of Chicago has undoubtedly benefited from the immeasurable contributions that have come forth from The Elijah Muhammad House™.

Best Regards,

Abdul Qiyam Muhammad

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Department of Planning and Development
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle, Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

Dear Commissioner,

May this note find you in good spirits and health.

I am honored to support the Illinois Preservation Agency and the well-deserved nomination of The Elijah Muhammad House™ to the National Historic Registry.

My name is Abdullah Pratt and this initiative has been one of the projects I have had the utmost optimism about. As an ER physician and Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at The University of Chicago, my career and practice centers almost exclusively on addressing the myriad of healthcare disparities that plague the predominantly Black patient population we serve. Furthermore, my upbringing on Chicago's Southside personally witnessing the impact of violence, poor education, poor financial literacy, and systemic inequities has informed why I chose my career path and how I engage the underserved communities I work with. These common problems that face the Black community as well as other Underrepresented Minorities, have existed and worsened since the lifetime of Elijah Muhammad, and were the focus of many of his works and contributions. Despite being questioned at the time, history has shown that his proposed and implemented solutions have now become the foundation of modern day public health. He worked to inspire self-sufficiency and a do for self-mentality, which we as physicians now try to encourage in our patients to empower their will to make changes to their own health. He encouraged a higher sense of self-esteem and self-value when interacting with health institutions, which we now implement through the evidence based practices of doctor-patient "shared decision making." At a time when the standard was 3-5 meals a day, he encouraged eating one meal a day as a core tenant of plant based diets, which nutritionists now support heavily in the form of "intermittent fasting." And during the time of Jim Crow and the fight for integration, he encouraged the Black community to desire its own hospitals, schools, banks, and institutions, all of which today are being called for at a high rate.

Despite controversies over who he was, history has showed us that his methods were based in necessity. In each of the areas Mr. Muhammad advocated for, Black communities similar to my own have seen worse overall outcomes with respect to national averages. No greater widening disparity has been seen than that of the overall healthcare of Black Americans. After existing as one of the healthiest demographics of Americans following slavery, in the last 40 years African Americans rank last in nearly every health outcome measure. Even as of recent with the Covid 19 pandemic, the deficits in healthcare resources and lack of trust in the healthcare system have cost many lives and many dollars for the health system. Nearly every nationally accredited medical body, has cited a lack of Underrepresented minority physicians and hospital capacity as a central factor in the disproportionate death rates of Black Americans. This was exactly what Elijah Muhammad sought to prevent and improve with his advocacy for more Black physicians,

nurses, and health institutions. He was called a bigot and racist for seeking out more Black Physicians, yet in 2015 the AAMC (in charge of medical school admissions and curriculum) published heartbreaking data showing less Black males entering medical school than during the Jim Crow era.

As a youth, these health disparities that I witnessed brought my family and I great pain, but it was the ubiquitous impact Mr. Muhammad had, that gave my career direction and purpose. When my close friend died at a young age from Sickle Cell disease, it was Mr. Muhammad's teachings that drove me to wanting to prevent more similar deaths. When family members died of diabetes at young ages, it again was his teachings that drove me to wanting to prevent similar deaths. At the most difficult time in my life following the senseless murder of my older brother, it was Mr. Muhammad's impact upon me that drove me to turn my pain into motivation, led me to seeking a career in Emergency Medicine, and inspired me to fight for a new Level One Trauma Center, for which I now currently work in 10 years later.

The influence of Elijah Muhammad is unquantifiable, but I can honestly say that every African American physician I have met and been mentored by, has either directly or indirectly attributed their works and motivations to accomplishing similar goals to his. It is my whole-hearted belief that a National Center that commemorates and furthers this legacy, will be a positive and well needed source of ongoing advocacy that will help not only Black Americans in Chicago, but all Americans. As someone who sees the deadly state of the Black community first hand, I am faced with the fact that we are in a state of emergency, and no stone should be left unturned. No amount of controversy over rhetoric or religious beliefs should be worth ignoring lifesaving initiatives that would help those most in need. It is for this reason I am in full support of this powerful motion to recognize this location as a historic site.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Abdullah Hasan Pratt M.D.
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
The University of Chicago Medical Center

4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615 NATIONAL REGISTRY SUPPORT

Aleatha Wilson <thefinancialarchitect5000@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 12:19 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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September 20, 2021

Department of Planning and Development
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle, Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner,

May this communication find you safe and well.

I write this letter in overwhelming support of The Elijah Muhammad House™ nomination to the National Historic Registry by Illinois Preservation Agency.

This property has not only national, but also global significance and influence as a residence of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, a religious leader of the Nation of Islam and a Civil Rights activist. The heart and strength of the Civil Rights Movement evolved from this very location with influential leaders visiting and convening during his residency. His expansive leadership from this Home had a direct and positive impact in all aspects of daily life – societal, spiritual, economic growth and development...as well as every system of learning – education, science, agriculture...and the list continues.

The business and economic development, under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad administrated from this Home, not only contributed to the economic growth of this great City of Chicago, but also was the blueprint to successful business models and the new renaissance of entrepreneurship.

Lastly, as a Black woman involved in civic engagement and youth mentorship for over 20 years, I am honored to have benefited from the impact of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and his teachings regarding the standards, civilization and respect of women. It is vitally important that we cultivate, share our history and preserve our narrative through the Honorable Elijah House Museum, so that it may be passed down for generations to come.

Kind Regards,

Aleatha Wilson

Letter of Support - Elijah Muhammad House National Registry Nomination

Chancellor Patterson <chance@chanceimpact.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 4:43 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; MauriceCox@cityofchicago.org <MauriceCox@Cityofchicago.org>

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I wanted to submit my letter of support for the Elijah Muhammad House Museum's National Registry Nomination as part of the City of Chicago Program Committee of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks meeting scheduled for September 22, 2021.

It has been my good fortune to live in Chicago while working with numerous influential Black leaders and organizations, including the late Ronald H. Brown, Oprah Winfrey and The Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, among many others. These professional experiences have provided me with a deep sense of the impact of key figures in the Civil Rights Movement. Undoubtedly, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad stands as one of the most important individuals in the journey of the African American Community and American History as a whole.

Recognizing his Chicago residence as a nationally significant site ensures that future generations will better understand the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's important role in shaping our Black culture by his ability and commitment to empower a movement to shift the life journey of millions of Black Americans. His message of Black pride, personal responsibility and courage in the face of racism inspired so many to take action to manifest a new future of wealth creation, commitment to community and self-discipline - an unwavering message that fueled a global following of his teachings which continues to flourish today.

I am confident the national recognition of the Elijah Muhammad House Museum will provide a meaningful tribute to his legacy while informing and educating those who come to visit this historic venue...perhaps revealing important truths about the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam beyond the subjective media coverage that has perpetuated over many decades.

The National Registry designation will also further demonstrate the well-earned position of Chicago as a city that has and continues to be critical to the magnificent yet oftentimes tragic story of the evolution of the Black Diaspora.

Thank You.

Chance Patterson, Esq.
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4847 S Woodlawn - Support Letter

Jose Duarte <jduarte@blackwoodgroupllc.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:26 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Please find our support letter for the above referenced project for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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September 21, 2021

Department of Planning and Development

City of Chicago

121 North LaSalle, Room 1000

Chicago, IL 60602

RE: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

Dear Commissioner,

May this note find you well

I am honored to support the Illinois Preservation Agency and the well deserved nomination of The Elijah Muhammad House™ to the National Historic Registry.

The property is nationally significant for its association with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, a religious leader of the Nation of Islam who was an important figure within the African American community the Civil Rights Movement.

I have been involved in the diligent careful renovation and restoration of this historic mansion over the past 3 years. I look forward to learning more about the hundreds of guests from around the world who met, dined and visited the home from 1952 to 1973.

This property is important to our ethnic heritage, our City's social history, and positively impacts religious rights.

Best Regards,

Sincerely,

Blackwood Group LLC
Principal

Re: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

Jose Espejo <JEspejo@studioarq.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:28 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commissioner,

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I am honored to support the Illinois Preservation Agency and the well deserved nomination of The Elijah Muhammad House™ to the National Historic Registry.

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This property is important to our ethnic heritage, social history and positively impacts religious rights.

Best Regards,

Best Regards,

Jose L. Espejo

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Elijah Muhammad House

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Tue 9/21/2021 1:59 AM

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September 20, 2021

Department of Planning and Development

City of Chicago

121 North LaSalle, Room 1000

Chicago, IL 60602

RE: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

Dear Commissioner,

It is an honored to support the Illinois Preservation Agency and nomination of The Elijah Muhammad House™ to the National Historic Registry.

As a child the property located at 4847 South Woodlawn offered a sense of pride to all black families living in Hyde Park. The property is nationally significant for its association with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, a religious leader of the Nation of Islam who is an important figure within the African American community and the Civil Rights Movement. Walking past this home every day on the way to and from school inspired me and reminded me of who's shoulders I stood on.

This property is a staple in the black community and for many of us it's always been a historic site. I look forward to sharing this historic land mark with the rest of the world while learning more about the hundreds of guests from around the world who met, dined and visited the home from 1952 to 1973.

This property is important to our ethnic heritage, social history and positively impacts religious rights.

Best Regards,

Dr. Kisha Roberts-Tabb

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Dr. Kisha Roberts-Tabb

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad's Residence

Lawrence <dr.lawrence1911@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 4:17 AM

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Mr. Cox-

Please see the attached document supporting the residence of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad being added to Chicago's listing of historic places.

Thank you.

COL (Ret.) Lawrence W. Henry Ph.D.

20 Sep 2021

To: Mr. Maurice D. Cox, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Development, City of Chicago

Subject: The residence of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, 4847 S Woodlawn, Chicago, IL, be added to Chicago's listing of historic places.


My name is Colonel (Retired) Lawrence W. Henry Ph.D., and I, without hesitation, fully endorse the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's Residence, at 4847 S Woodlawn, Chicago, IL, be added to Chicago's listing of historic places. I am also asking that a sense of urgency be placed on this request for immediate adoption.

As a veteran of Foreign Wars fought in Afghanistan and Iraq and a Soldier who has supported Theater Security Cooperation Programs throughout South and Central America, select areas in Africa, and other Southeast Asian Countries, my demonstration of confidence and clarity of thought, in the face of uncertainty and danger, was directly attributed to the teaching of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Growing up in a single parent household, in the inner city, the words of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad that embodied respect for women and authority, self-reliance, and Black Pride, operationalized by Muslim Brothers and Sister in my neighborhood, filled vital gaps created by a fatherless home.

Although the life and teaching of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad played a significant role in my life, by no means am I an anomaly. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad filled vital gaps, created by a multitude of religious, social, race and economic factors, of millions, for not only Blacks, but people of color throughout the world and those on the fringes of society.

Again, please accept my sincerest endorsement. The Elijah Muhammad's residence is a national treasure that must be preserved and admired as such.



Colonel (Retired) Lawrence W. Henry Ph.D.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE HONORABLE HOUSE

Lisa R Muhammad <lisarmuhammad62@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 8:16 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; Maurice Cox <Maurice.Cox@cityofchicago.org>

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Greetings...

Please see the attached letter of support of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad House also known as Sajdah House.

-Lisa R. Muhammad



September 19, 2021

Department of Planning and Development
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle, Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

Dear Commissioner Cox,

I pray this letter finds you and your colleagues in the best of health and spirit.

I truly consider it an honor, privilege, my duty, and a blessing to lend my support to The Elijah Muhammad House™, as it has been nominated for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. I pray that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is successful in its efforts to obtain this well-deserved designation for this property.

As a registered member of the Nation of Islam, student, educator, mother, mentor, youth development professional, and productive member of this society, I strive to always support that which is good and beneficial for the whole of our society. I attribute who I was as a child, who I am today, and who I pray to become in the future, to my acceptance and application of the universal life-giving teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. This I do because I know the importance and necessity of gratitude and giving credit where credit is due. Millions of people have benefited from the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, both directly and indirectly. The property at 4847 S. Woodlawn not only has national significance it also has international significance, for the Teachings of Honorable Elijah Muhammad, were and are still being spread globally through the people he touched, counseled, and guided both publicly and privately.

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's nomination having been based in part on the aforementioned property being associated with the lives of persons significant to our past, is a point that should be taken very seriously and acknowledged not only for its relevance to the past, but also because of its relevance to the here and now and to what we see on the horizon. What we are living through today, decades ago, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught the

world about, warned us would come, and provided all those who would listen, with the spiritual and mental tools needed to endure, survive, and overcome the obstacles.

From 4847 S. Woodlawn, many iconic Black Leaders were nurtured, empowered, inspired, and unified in an effort to effect positive change throughout the world. The former home of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad is clearly a historic place that is not very well known of at the present time. The renovation and restoration team has taken specific measures to meticulously ensure that the home and its sacred value are not only maintained but illuminated while being preserved.

I consider this opportunity to support, a personal duty and a blessing from God, as I was born from the union of two of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's followers. My beloved Father (may Allah be well-pleased with him), received counsel at this home. My Mother, as one of the early instructors at Muhammad University of Islam, received direct instruction on exactly how to teach us as children, from the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. This effort is personal for me because it is my history, the history of my family, the history of my peers. History that everyone should know. We, who love and follow the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad both registered members and non-registered members, know of the sacrifices, the service, the knowledge, divine wisdom, and unequalled love shown by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. His former home is worthy because he is worthy. He has value based on his works. I celebrate and commemorate the work of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad by submitting this letter of support.

None could factually deny that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad accomplished what no Black leader has ever been able to accomplish before. He took those who were considered nothing and made them the standard of righteousness and civilization. This history is what everyone must know. The Elijah Muhammad House™ is a historic place, as it represents and embodies the true meaning of history which I am taught is the record of man's striving to obtain his needs and wants. History records how we satisfy our human needs. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us how and why we, as a people must "Do for Self".

The universality of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's teachings should be taught in every institution of learning that professes the desire to educate based on truth. The Elijah Muhammad House™ will be the catalyst needed to ignite this new direction of education. I am blessed to have had that truth from birth so whenever I was introduced to skewed history by instructors in school, I was equipped with knowledge that allowed me to be able to dissect what I was being fed and keep the truth and dispose of the falsehood. This is what students of today must be taught and be able to do.

The property at 4847 S. Woodlawn and its association with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, as a global reformer and transformer of people from all walks of life, is historical. As an educator, I know that we must give students of all ages, a positive history to draw on and to draw from. The negativity that has been intentionally associated with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and his divine teachings, must be countered with truth and facts, not emotion and propaganda. The Elijah Muhammad House™ will project the positive. Yes, there are negatives in the history of

Black people and other members of the Original family. This exist in all things; however, we must strive to ensure that students are sufficiently rooted and strong, and then they can be taught of the negatives. This is what the society needs for all people. Truth and knowledge are transformative tools.

As woman and mother, I know that I must acknowledge that I am a beneficiary of and bearer of witness to what the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and his Teachings empowered my parents and so many others to accomplish in the way of religion, economics, education, civic engagement, behavioral reformation, community development, and unity. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad started the reformation of the Black woman. There could and can be no new mindset or new people without a woman with a new mind. I will always be grateful for my blessings, and will strive to be a blessing to others. I submit this letter of support and pray that it will help the commission to see that The Elijah Muhammad House™ is more than worthy of receiving the designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

May God bless each of you with a very peaceful and productive day.

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Lisa R. Muhammad

Sister Lisa R. Muhammad, Executive Director
Project Y.O.U. (Youth Organizing for Unity)

Letter Of Support For Elijah Muhammad House

Madinah Muhammad <madinahmuhammad@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:41 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; Maurice Cox <Maurice.Cox@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Lisarmuhammad62 <lisarmuhammad62@gmail.com>

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Peace,

Attached to this email is my letter of support for the Nomination of The Sajdah House to the National Register of Historic Places. Thank you.

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Peace and Love, Madinah

September 19, 2021

Department of Planning and Development
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle, Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

Dear Commissioner Maurice Cox,

My name is Madinah Muhammad and I was born and raised as a member of the Nation of Islam in Chicago, IL. I am 18 years old and I know and have witnessed firsthand the impact the teachings of The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad have had on me, but more importantly, I've witnessed and benefited from the impact those same Teachings have had on people across the city, who are not even registered members of the Nation of Islam. Yes, it is absolutely true that without the rise of *Black Power Movements* starting in the early '40s and '50s, many of us would not be where we are today. The Nation of Islam, the progressive teaching, the "Do for Self", the wisdom about things the world did not previously know, kick-started this "I'm Black and I'm Proud" spirit; and, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad's Teachings made it popular amongst our communities.

If you go into many, if not all of the Black movements at that time, you will see how our *Teachings* influenced them to begin, helped structure their plans, or acted as a foundation for their beliefs. For example, the historic Black Panther Party, founded by Huey P. Newton uses the Nation of Islam's "What The Muslims Want" as a blueprint for their "Ten Point Program"... We want freedom... We want full employment for our people... We want an end to the robbery by capitalists of our black and oppressed communities. In the '50s and '60s, the Nation of Islam had a black business enterprise for everything that was a necessity... whether it was a laundromat, bakery, restaurant, dry cleaners, bank, fishing port, or airplane; and, they were all under the title "Your..." to emphasize the connectedness of us and our people despite what we might take on as our religion. This allowed for so many people to come in contact with us, our hospitality, the way that we dine and live our lives, even if they weren't formally connected by our faith. What the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches also sparked a rise in successful black business all across the country. No matter who you were, if you saw progress and a drive for self-sufficiency, you knew The Nation of Islam was at the root; and now, that impact is more prevalent when we go into our communities in the 21st century and we hear people say "Yeah, I went to Clara Muhammad School", or "I was in the first rise", or "Yeah, I used to go to the mosque on Stony when I was little". Wherever you go with black people, in particular, at least one person has been touched directly by the teachings or by someone who has.

If it wasn't for the Nation of Islam, Islam in any form would not be widely accepted in America; because there were no prominent Muslim immigrants leaving here and representing Islam in the media. It wasn't until the Nation of Islam brought the Muslim way of life to the forefront, that the world began to see it from a global perspective. Not to mention, we were not only in the papers very often, but we were also known in all communities as positive forces that brought life and change, and as a measure to spread our faith, we developed our own ways to share our story through "The Muhammad Speaks", "The Pittsburg Courier", and "The Final Call".

Had it not been for the Nation of Islam, the reverence for the religion would not be seen the way that it is today. Most young black children know about The Black Panther, Bobby Brown, Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, but they have no idea who the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad is. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad House, also known as Sajdah House, will remedy that.

I firmly believe that without the teachings of The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, a lot of the things we now know and that are positive contributions to society, would not exist. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad House will showcase many of the conversations that were held by The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad with leaders of the city, the country, the world, celebrities, and those close to him. This property will give us a glimpse of other parts of our history that we are not aware of. It will have educational, enjoyable, life-enhancing exhibits, that will result in our youth (my peers) discussing deeper parts of our study such as the "cracking of atoms" and it will just be another integral part of our history that adds to the larger puzzle of who we, as a people are aside from the pain and despair we are experiencing.

The world deserves to know the history of The Nation of Islam because that history is the history of the rise of black people and other minorities all across the world. I hope you take all of this into consideration when coming to a final decision.

Best wishes,

Madinah N. Muhammad

Letter of Support

Michael Pfleger <pastorpfleger@ameritech.net>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:10 PM

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In Pursuit of Justice...,

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September 16, 2021

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121 North LaSalle, Room 1000
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RE: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

Dear Commissioner,

May this note find you well

I am honored to support the Illinois Preservation Agency and the well-deserved nomination of The Elijah Muhammad House™ to the National Historic Registry.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was a national leader who not only spoke to address the inequality and injustice within our nation, but helped touch, change, and literally save the lives of thousands of individuals. He was a respected leader during the Civil Rights Movement and his legacy continues to live on in Chicago and across the world through his followers and human beings in general who benefited from his teachings. He is an important leader in history and a true icon in Chicago's history.

The renovation and restoration of this historic mansion brings historical significance, as to the many leaders from around the world that came to the home.

This property is important to our ethnic heritage, social history and positively impacts religious rights.

In the Pursuit of Justice...

Rev. Michael L. Pflieger

The Elijah Muhammad Bouse

Brother Jamil <yourbrotherjamil@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 4:48 PM

To: Maurice Cox <Maurice.Cox@cityofchicago.org>; ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

For your consideration re: The Elijah Muhammad House, 4847 S Woodlawn Ave.

Thank You

Patrick A. Morrison/jm

September, 20 2021

To: Mr. Maurice D. Cox, Commissioner
Department of Planning and Development
City of Chicago

Re: The Honorable Elijah Muhammad House

My name is Patrick A. Morrison, an author and former NFL New York Football Giant. During my journey to reach these achievements, I relied heavily on the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad through the writings and taped lectures of Malcolm X. If it wasn't for the Messenger's "Life giving teachings"

Through Malcolm and future Nation of Islam leadership, I'm not sure where I would be today.

Thus, I write this letter in support of the residence of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad at 4847 S Woodlawn Ave being added to the Registry of Historic Places at the City, State and National levels. Mr. Muhammad's contributions to the Black community throughout the United States and worldwide have been limitless.

Thank you for taking into consideration this letter as you make your decision.

Cordially,

Patrick A. Morrison

National Hearing for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad House

Q Assist <qassistonline@gmail.com>

Tue 9/14/2021 8:53 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, I am Qudisah Muhammad, a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the Nation of Islam! This nomination is of supreme importance to me as I would not be here had it not been for the works and extreme impact of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Being young in the Nation of Islam, I have heard of this man through various writings and secondary sources; but this home is giving me the opportunity to know him and to be within his presence. It is of importance to me and those within my generation that we are allotted this chance.

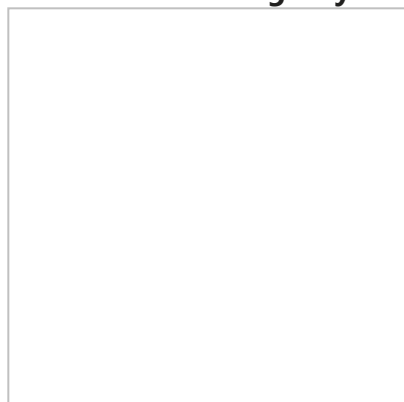
The Honorable Elijah Muhammad worked endlessly to spread Islam across the world and to raise Black people up from a condition of nothing. The greatest like Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali and Farrakhan all came from his teaching and influence. The Civil Rights movement would not be what it was had it not been for this great man. The Nation of Islam and Black Muslims are increasing in influence and power all over and it is because we are under the direct guidance of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

I am only 17 years old! I speak for my entire generation when I express the overwhelming relevance the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has in social history and in today's time. I hope you receive this letter and count me and thousands of other youth across the world in support of this nomination.

Thank you!

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Best, Qudisah
QAssist
Virtual Assistant Agency



Nomination for the National Historic Registry

Roxane Williams <rox28x@hotmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 11:34 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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September 21, 2021

Department of Planning and Development City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle, Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60615

Dear Commissioner,

May this email find you in the best of health and spirit.

It has come to my attention that the The Elijah Muhammad House has been nominated by the Illinois Preservation Agency to the National Historic Registry. This is an absolutely marvellous event of which my family and I hold in high esteem.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the leader of the Nation of Islam is one of the most profound black leaders of the 20th century. Not only has he improved the lives of black people in the United States of America, his tremendous love, sacrifice and service has touched the lives of black people here in the Caribbean and throughout the globe.

It is my greatest desire to experience and learn of the profound history of the newly renovated and restored home of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, as it is the legacy of the African people in America and throughout the diaspora. It will be an honour to see this precious home become a museum of which a rich history can continue to be witnessed for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Roxane Muhammad

Letter of Support- The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad Museum

Saniyyah Muhammad <saniyyah.muhammad17@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 5:28 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Saniyyah Muhammad

Houston, Tx
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21st September 2021

Dear City of Chicago,

My name is Saniyyah Muhammad; I am seventeen years of age and a dedicated and strong follower of the teaching of The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Building this Museum of our teacher would not only be beneficial and monumental for the Nation of Islam but the black race in general.

The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad was a trendsetter, a go-getter, and so much more. He has shown Black people that anything is possible, and you can achieve what you want by putting your faith to work. The Museum of The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad would be a positive asset to the City of Chicago; he is an amazing role model that any child can look up to.

His work has changed millions of individual's lives around the world, including my parents and mines, however, that is not always portrayed. Hopefully, with this Museum, the truth of his great work can be seen by people around the world.

Sincerely,

Saniyyah Muhammad

Letter of Support for The Honorable Elijah Muhammad House

J Karriem <jkarriemcreations@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:18 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Greetings!

Please find attached a letter of support for The Honorable Elijah Muhammad House.

Thank you!



*In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful.
As Salaam Alaikum (Peace Be Unto You)!*

Department of Planning and Development
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle, Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

September 20, 2021

Dear Commissioner,

I pray this letter finds you in good spirit and health!

I am the principal of Muhammad University of Islam located adjacent to the historic house of worship, Mosque Maryam, established by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad which continues to stand as a testament to the great contributions he's made to black people in America and the islamic community abroad.

It is my honor and duty to support the Illinois Preservation Agency and the nomination of The Elijah Muhammad House™ to the National Historic Registry.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad's work and legacy as a great spiritual (religious) leader and his ability to transform the lives of millions of people as well as his work in the establishment of Islam in America, makes this property of great national significance. As he has worked to preserve and improve the lives of many, the preservation of this historic home is critical to sharing his great works with future generations.

I have witnessed the painstaking effort, care and love poured into the restoration of this historic mansion. At one stage of the restoration process, I had the unique honor of taking a tour of this sacred home, learning of the rich history and the great vision for the restored property.

This property and its great significance means much to many people and its National History Registry status will allow others to learn of the great mission and work of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad which is often left out of history books.

I pray this letter aids in this nomination effort. May Allah (God) bless you!

Best Regards,
Talib ul Hikmah Karriem
Interim Director of Muhammad University of Islam (Chicago)

Please save the point

flat prairie <adrienneduir@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:28 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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The point is one of my favorite spots in Chicago. The folks visiting reflect Hyde Park, one of Chicago's only diverse neighborhoods, and should be preserved! Lake access and green spaces is one of the most valuable positive mental health indicators for a city. During a global pandemic this is an invaluable space. I have gone here for years, though I live up north. Many folks travel to this accessible spot. I have seen so many birthday parties and hangouts around fire spots or out on the grass among the trees. I work in film and television and we worked for 3 days shooting in the field house and grounds. The location would not be the same. I have since recommended that spot to many people and hope to do so in the future. These are the kinds of places that make Chicago a place people want to visit and live. Please persevere the point as it is. I want to be able to take my kids here. Thankyou so much- Adrienne Bauer

Landmark promontory point

Alana Ferguson <alana.ferguson@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 12:30 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Please landmark promontory point! The rocks are amazing how they are and keep the space beautiful, active and a special respite for city dwellers. Turning the edge into concrete slabs would discourage people from using the waterfront. Landmark the point to save it just the way it is!

Thank you,

Alana Ferguson

Frequent visitor of the point, swimmer and sunbather on the rocks

Make the Point a Chicago Landmark

Alana Koscove <akoscove@uchicago.edu>

Fri 9/17/2021 2:24 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: leslie.hairston@cityofchicago.orgki <leslie.hairston@cityofchicago.orgki>; mberly.webb@cityofchicago.org <mberly.webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

My name is Alana Koscove and I am writing to ask you to designate Promontory Point as a Chicago landmark. I moved to Chicago six years ago to attend the University of Chicago, and from the first week I moved here until today, Hyde Park has become my home. Specifically, Promontory Point has formed the cornerstone of that home. Even though I moved to Lakeview East a couple months ago (my first time living outside of Hyde Park!), I still consider the Point to be the single best part of Chicago.

While I live close to countless beaches and cement-laden steps up north, I still drive down to Hyde Park specifically to go swimming and lounging at the Point. Laying there on a summer afternoon always reminds me of being in Seurat's *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte*; families splashing in the water, couples having picnics, hammocks set up between trees. The warmth of the sun, the space to breathe and relax (the Point never crowds up like most Chicago beaches!), the sense of familiar history. The old limestone steps hold such a strong memory for me: my very first week in Chicago, one September many years ago, I dove off them for the first time with some new college friends. Even now, I still meet up with those college friends at the Point.

When I meet someone and want to show them my city and our great big lake, I take them to the Point. This weekend, I have plans to show two old friends the magic and homeliness of Promontory Point. It is without a doubt the best place to swim and smile and recreate. To demolish the limestone steps and the beauty of the Point would be to take away a source of joy for so, so many. We already have the rest of the lakefront to be a rather homogenous—are dare I say a bit lifeless—entry point to the water. The Point is something else. It has character. And radiates warmth. A day at the Point is always a good day. Please do not turn the Point into the rest of the Chicago lakefront. I would lose my favorite place in Chicago, and I know so many would too.

Thank you for listening.

Best,
Alana



Alana Koscove, AB
Admissions Counselor
Pronouns: she/her/hers

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Promontory point

Amy Krauss <amybkrauss@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:51 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear members of the Chicago Landmark Commission:

I write to ask for the recognition of promontory point as a beloved historic landmark and to protect its limestone steps. When I moved to Hyde park 3 years ago, I found a sense of community there unlike other spaces along the lake. The limestone steps give the place its warmth and style. It allows us to enjoy the lake in a unique way. To destroy that place with concrete would be a terrible loss to the south side. The south side deserves to be respected and held up as a cultural center of the city. It has its own particular history that must be protected and cared for.

Please grant the landmark status to promontory point.

Sincerely,
Amy Krauss

Phd Anthropology
Postdoctoral Instructor
Pozen Center for Human Rights
University of Chicago

Promontory Point

Betsy McGurk-Mensah <bammensah@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:03 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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What the point means to me?

It's a daily interaction with nature. You are surrounded by its unique design, as immersed as possible when swimming isn't feasible, and in the water when it is.

The limestone rocks are unique and beautiful. Each one is unique; over 30 years, I have had many more than 30 favorite rocks. The beauty is equal to the Amalfi Coast, to historic places all around the world, and it belongs to Chicago. How could concrete take its place?

Talking to users of the point, every one has shown disbelief that the city could change its nature. Please remember to speak with the people, not the contractors. Studies have shown that the limestone can be restored.

Yours truly,
Betsy McGurk-Mensah

Promontory Park is a Chicago Landmark

Brenda Nelms <bnelms2120@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 11:41 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Ward05 <Ward05@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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September 21, 2021

Commissioner Maurice Cox
Chicago Department of Planning and Development

Dear Commissioner Cox:

I write in support of the nomination by Preservation Chicago to recognize Promontory Point as a Chicago Landmark.

I have been a resident of Chicago since 1975, always living within a half mile of Promontory Point. The Point has been a destination and a respite, a place for play and for reflection, for swimming and picnicking and so much more. I recognize that my personal experience and affection for the Point are not grounds for awarding Landmark status, a designation with specific criteria. However, the fact that the Point was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2018 and the fact that it is the last remaining section of the lakefront that still has the historic step-stone revetments that once defined the whole stretch indicate the appropriateness and indeed the necessity of the Landmark designation. I urge the Commission on Chicago Landmarks to affirm the nomination of the Point for Landmark status and look forward to its full consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brenda Nelms
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Promontory Point Landmarking

Brigid Maniates <brigidmania@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:46 AM

To: Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>; ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Ward05 <Ward05@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Jack Spicer <info@promontorypoint.org>

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Hello,

I'd like to write wholeheartedly in support of the designation of Promontory Point as a Chicago Landmark.

In addition to the Point's historic prominence as part of the Burnham Plan of 1909 and the historic landscape by Alfred Caldwell, the Point is an important contemporary landscape. It serves as a meeting place for folks across the city, regardless of race or socioeconomic status, to enjoy open space and the lake. The limestone revetments are an important place to hang out and swim. Any day of the week, you'll see the park crowded with families picnicking, individuals exercising, and friends swimming and visiting. The Point's physical landscape boosts the human dynamism of the space.

Best,
Brigid Maniates

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Brigid Maniates

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Promontory point

Catherine Braendel <braendel@gmail.com>

Fri 9/17/2021 5:21 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Please restore and maintain the limestone as it is. This is a precious and historic space and design and we have already had this debate years ago.

Catherine Braendel

Sent from my iPhone



Shabica & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Maurice Cox, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Development
City of Chicago 121 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Promontory Point Landmark Nomination

Dear Commissioner Cox:

September 20, 2021

As Professional Geologist, and graduate of the University of Chicago, I am in full support of designating Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark and its prominent place in the 1909 *Plan of Chicago* by Daniel Burnham. A critical component of Burnham's Plan is the Step Stone Retention that was engineered and tested in a physical hydraulic model in the north basement of Municipal Grant Park Stadium (later renamed Soldier Field). The retention protects the Chicago lakefill and park system and provides safe human access to Lake Michigan that has a long history of off-shore storm waves that range up to 23 feet high and lake levels that have fluctuated 6 feet over the past 2,000 years.

In 1986, along with Luke Cosme, Chicago Park District, my coastal engineering students and I studied the entire Chicago Lakefront shore protection system. Convened by the City Club of Chicago and sponsored by Northeastern Illinois University, the Task Force on Lake Michigan brought together lake experts and policy makers to discuss the future of the Chicago lakefront. This work led to the formation of the Chicago Lakefront Commission in 1987 and as Commissioners we made recommendations for improvements to the lakefront facilities including rebuilding nearly all of the step retentions in Chicago with steel (replaces stone-filled wood cribbing) and concrete. Note that in 2003, we recommended that this original structure at Promontory Point can be maintained by replacing the wood crib structures with steel and keeping the human-friendly Limestone steps.

Today, Promontory Point is unique in that it is protected by only remaining section of Chicago's historic 83-year-old lakefront limestone block step retention.

Sincerely,

Charles Shabica, Ph.D., P.G., AM ASCE
President, Shabica & Associates
Professor Emeritus, Northeastern Illinois University

References:

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1988 *Recommendations for Shoreline Protection & Recreational Enhancement, Final Report*, City of Chicago, Office of the mayor, 52p. plus 7 appendices.

2008 Shabica, C.W., *Sustainable Great Lakes Beaches: The Illinois Experiment*, Shore & Beach, vol. 76.

Notes

2003 March 12, *Engineering Review of Community Task Force Shoreline Structural Proposal for Promontory Point in Burnham Park*. STS Consultants, Ltd., June 18, 2003.

Problem noted by STS Consultants: A single layer of stone on the steps in the active wave management zone does not meet modern standards. Response by Shabica & Associates: A single layer “special placement” step stone revetment as shown, will function well at this site. This is evidenced by the over 50 year-no damage performance of the existing “prototype” step structure.

9/23/03 Promontory Point Stone/Concrete Hybrid Revetment – Proposed as alternative to step concrete revetment. Water depths measured from design lake levels to original lake bottom at Promontory Point perimeter vary from eight feet on the north, 23 feet on the east, and five feet on the south. The design wave conditions for stone toe berm designs and wave overtopping evaluations range from 5.5 feet to 14.4 feet depending upon location on the Point. Design wave heights for purposes of minimal structural engineering standards that apply to this project are approximately 30% higher.

Save the point!

Christian Bird <cbird@uchicago.edu>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:51 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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To whom it may concern at the Commission of Chicago Landmarks,
I am among the many individuals who are a part of the Hyde Park community who support the Save the Point Conservancy. We demand maximum possible restoration of historical limestone, and minimum possible destruction/ replacement thereof. People far and wide travel to gather on The Point's iconic limestone rocks. Save them.

Kind regards,
Christian Bird

landmark Promontory Point

Clara Raubertas <clara.raubertas@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 6:55 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; kimberley.webb@cityofchicago.org <kimberley.webb@cityofchicago.org>; info@promontorypoint.org <info@promontorypoint.org>

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to whom it may concern,

I'm writing in strong support of landmarking Promontory Point.

This park is one of my very favorite places in the world. The Point is a beautiful, unique and historic place that combines natural and human choices for a wonderful atmosphere that rightly attracts visitors from all over the city. The rough limestone waterfront provides an attractive contrast to the square concrete lines or sandy beaches of most of the rest of the city's lakefront.

Having such a special park so close was a big factor in my choice to buy a home in East Hyde Park. The Point is a highly versatile area and great spot for a wide array of activities: quiet sitting, boisterous picnics, dogwalking, kite flying, nature exploration, bonfires (summer and winter!), swimming, jogging, bike riding, naps, children's games, people-watching ... and of course I often run into my neighbors!

I hope you'll do what you can to protect this rare gem and its special qualities, so the community can continue to enjoy it for years to come.

best,

Clara Raubertas

5435 S Hyde Park #3

Chicago, IL 60615

Promontory Point

Colm O'Muircheartaigh <caomuirc@uchicago.edu>

Fri 9/17/2021 6:59 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commissioner Cox

I write to support strongly the proposal to designate Promontory Point as a City of Chicago landmark. This distinctive and beautiful space, with its naturalistic connection between land and lake, is a wonderful public amenity that welcomes the neighborhood to stroll, jog, swim, picnic, socialize, and relax. Promontory Point is a jewel in Chicago's lakefront crown.

Colm O'Muircheartaigh
Ward 5 Resident

PLEASE GIVE PROMONTORY POINT LANDMARK STATUS

Craig Truitt <craiganiac@gmail.com>

Sun 9/19/2021 12:48 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: helenaduncan2@gmail.com <helenaduncan2@gmail.com>

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Please give Promontory Point in Hyde Park, known as "The Point," landmark status. Over the years it has become a cultural icon, due in no small part to its limestone rocks. It is an aesthetic gem and a work of art that enriches the lives of all who go there. People pay to create genius environments to support wellness and social unity, but we already have it in The Point. It is well worth any effort required to preserve the connective and unique experience that it provides. Thank you to everyone who is working to save The Point.

Craig

Craig Truitt - local Hyde Parker

Testimony and request to preserve Promontory Point

Cristina Turino <crturino@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:47 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Chicago Landmarks Committee,

The Promontory Point is my favorite place in Chicago. When I moved to Chicago in 2014 I lived on the south side and it was one of the places that made Chicago begin to feel like home. I moved to the North side, but still regularly make the trip down to spend the day with my family and friends.

It is a special place that serves the entire Chicago community and I would like to see it landmarked so that the beautiful limestone is preserved and maintained.

Please reach out with any questions regarding my written testimony at (217) 552-0454 or via email.

Best regards,

Cristina Turino
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Chicago, IL 60641

Promontory Point

Dawnisha Lott <dawnishalott@yahoo.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 8:23 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Hello I am sending this e mail to ask that you ball please make Promontory Point a landmark.

Thank you so much for your time,

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Promontory Point Deserves City of Chicago Landmark Designation

Deb Hass <debra.a.hass@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:48 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing to support making Promontory Point (the Point) a City of Chicago Landmark and affording it the recognition and protection that landmark status confers. In my near daily walks along the Point, I have ample opportunity to appreciate its beauty and its connection to the history of Chicago, the nation, and generations of southside residents. From its history has a surviving — and thriving — WPA project to its significance as a Chicago gathering place, the Point has served the City of Chicago and its residents and visitors well. It deserves all the support and recognition we can give it.

Please designate Promontory Point, Burnham Park a City of Chicago Landmark.

Sincerely,
Debra A. Hass

Deb Hass
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Please Keep The Limestone At The Point

Dustin Stern <dstern16@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:33 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Hello,

I am new to the south side and have been struck by the beauty of promontory point. Sitting on those limestone steps watching the water has been so healing for me and my depression. It's beautiful and it would be such a shame if that natural beauty were to be taken away for concrete. Please don't do that. Please keep promontory point the way it is. Simple. Perfect.

I know what this place means to the residents here and I am already in love. It deserves Landmark Status as much as anything. Please do the right thing. Please give Promontory Point landmark status.

Thank you,

Dustin Stern

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Dustin W. Stern, CFP®

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Promontory Point landmark status

Elizabeth Lockwood <ealockwood@hotmail.com>

Fri 9/17/2021 9:48 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear DPD Commissioner Cox -

I strongly encourage you to award Chicago Landmark status to Promontory Point. During the past 18 months, as well as the last 80 years, it has served diverse groups for outdoor socializing, athletic activities and quiet meditation. Alfred Caldwell's design continues to promote a robust civic life.

Elizabeth Lockwood

Landmark Status for Promontory Point

Ericka Swift <eswiftart@yahoo.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:19 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>

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DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

I am writing to urge you to designate Promontory Point Landmark Status. It is so special to me and to countless others in our city.

My son Daniel got the architecture bug in 5th grade, so when his mandatory History Fair project at Keller school on the south side came up, it was a no-brainer. He selected to focus on Daniel Burnham and his vision for Chicago. The Plan of 1909. I learned in working with him on this project that the overall theme for Burnham was to reserve recreational areas in nature, especially along Lake Michigan, for all citizens to enjoy. The imprint of his plans upon our way of life is everywhere. Daniel Burnham Park is no exception.

Sitting in the peaceful areas of Promontory Point, it's evident this is a sacred place for so many. Yoga, soccer, rugby, spiritual groups, birthdays, weddings... there are plenty of characters who spend time at the Point. Because what the Point offers is a very unique character itself. The council rings meant to draw people together do just that-families and friend groups camp out for the entire day and build memories. The field house reminded me of a storybook castle when I first saw it, also designed in the Prairie House style to compliment the overall design of the Point that was conceptualized by Alfred Caldwell. A large part of this design, the outline of the Point itself, is the limestone revetment. Every aspect of Promontory Point was designed to exist as it is now. Tending to the Point are many impassioned volunteers who value the original vision. I've joined those volunteers as Promontory Point has become so much more precious in the past couple years to my family.

Promontory Point is a part of the culture on the south side, and needs Landmark Status to make a larger difference. It's not just a building, or a grassy field, a line of beautiful trees, or a peaceful separation from the sounds LSD traffic, it is an ecosystem with every element involved. It is vital to our culture here to preserve all aspects as they were originally designed and intended to endure.

My 94 year old father grew up in Hyde Park. His Swedish immigrant father hand-wove nets and went fishing with my dad off of the Point. We have a great photo of him in his knickers on the revetment. My dad met my mom in Hyde Park in church on 55th Street. I was baptized here. My son Daniel went to math camp at UC, and had my dad drive him around to tell him all the stories of growing up here. My son worked at the age of 14 on a student-mentor architecture project in Hyde Park off of 55th Street, which brought us often to unwind at Promontory Point. We love it so much, we had 15-year old Daniel's ashes planted in with a memorial tree between 2 of the council rings, so we could see life and be renewed when we went to visit him in this spot at the Point, in the park named for his idol, Daniel Burnham. I pray and look out at the lake, and soak up the energy while I people watch. I picture some people are passing through, some are routine visitors. I see runners, bikers, swimmers, picnickers, nappers, lots of people pushing wheelchairs, strollers. They all have a look of peace about them, maybe not knowing exactly why, but they are in the moment at the Point. For myself, Promontory Point literally holds a piece of my heart.

Let us preserve that peace in its entirety. Please do your part and declare Landmark Status for Promontory Point.

Thank you,
Ericka Swanson Swift

Promontory Point waterfront

Erin E Fry <erin fry6@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 11:51 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

I am writing to you as a 5-year Hyde Park resident and proud Chicagoan. The promontory point waterfront and it's rustic rock-front are near and dear to my heart.

It is one of the only places in Chicago with this unique structure and it provides a nature escape from the city in a way nowhere else in the city can. The Point is a truly essential to the community in the Hyde Park area. It's historic shores and gatherings on the rocks are large contributing factors to its character. Please do not change it!

Sincerely,
Erin Fry

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Public Comment regarding Promontory Point

Erin Mulholland <erinkenzie25@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 5:36 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear Commissioner Maurice Cox and Alderperson Hairston,

I am writing in support of making Promontory Point a historic Chicago landmark. I was born and raised in Woodlawn and spent many hours throughout my childhood playing at the Point. Even now when I live in Bucktown, I still regularly drive or bike to the Point throughout the summer and fall to picnic with friends, have pick-up games of soccer or frisbee, and enjoy the matchless view of the skyline. It has been a focal point of connection for the community for so long, and deserves to be protected and invested in.

I encourage you to protect this historic place so that more generations can enjoy it as much as I have.

Thank you,

Erin Mulholland

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773.480.4298

Landmark the Point!!'

Francine Wendorff <franw@earthlink.net>

Tue 9/21/2021 10:11 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Please give landmark status to the "Point" so it wont be turned into an inaccessible place. The limestone is beautiful anf people friendly!

Sent from my iPhone

Promontory Point Landmark Status

George Rumsey <gwrumsey@att.net>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:14 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear Commission on Chicago Landmarks,

There is no where on the mid-South Side that is more sacred and beloved than Promontory Point. It is the heart and the soul of Hyde Park--more than UChicago, more than the Museum of Science and Industry. The Point is free, open, and the great equalizer of all people who enjoy a boost to the spirits.

I spent an hour last week sitting on one of the benches facing out to Lake Michigan, marveling at the sail boats, the families celebrating the Jewish holidays, the bees buzzing around the trash cans, and the early autumn sunlight hitting the trees. There is no more sublime feeling, connecting with the world, than the Point on a beautiful afternoon. Or morning, evening, sunrise, or sunset.

Walking the Point is an experience dear to all Hyde Parkers, and to most South Siders and most Chicagoans who have sat on its limestone revetment. It certainly deserves City landmark status, and a thorough, thoughtful restoration, to the benefit of the greater South Side and the entire City.

Sincerely,

George Rumsey

(Hyde Parker since 1976, and Chair and Commissioner, Special Service Area #61 "Downtown Hyde Park")

George Rumsey

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please landmark Promontory Point

Gwyn Aubrey <gwynaub@hotmail.com>

Sat 9/18/2021 12:02 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

I am writing to express my support of landmarking of "Promontory Point", a jewel of a park on Lake Michigan. Replacing the native limestone would be a crime. I am an ex-pat Hyde Parker, and know the natural beauty of the limestone around the park very well; seeing the dedicated swimmers, the children hunting (and finding!) fossils in the limestone, the wildlife that live in and among the stones. It would be a blow to this and future generations to replace the limestone with concrete.

Regards,

Gwyn Aubrey

In support of Landmark Status for the Point

Hart Weichselbaum <hart@planningpractice.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:28 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

I support landmark status for the Point in Hyde Park, which is a treasured location for my family and me.

Hart Weichselbaum
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Chicago IL 60615

Sent from my iPhone

Fw: Promontory Point Park Landmark Support Letter

Landmarks <Landmarks@cityofchicago.org>

Mon 9/20/2021 12:07 PM

To: Dijana Cuvalo <Dijana.Cuvalo@cityofchicago.org>; Matt Crawford <Matt.Crawford@cityofchicago.org>; Daniel Klaiber <Daniel.Klaiber@cityofchicago.org>; Kandalyn Hahn <Kandalyn.Hahn@cityofchicago.org>

 1 attachments (320 KB)

Promontory Point Park .pdf;

Good morning!

Please refer to the trailing email.

Michele

Historic Preservation Division



Department of Planning and Development Bureau of Citywide Systems & Historic Preservation

From: Janice A Knox <janice.a.knox@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 5:33 PM

To: Maurice Cox <Maurice.Cox@cityofchicago.org>; ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; Landmarks <Landmarks@cityofchicago.org>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>; Ward Miller <mseidel@preservationchicago.org>; info@promontorypoint.org <info@promontorypoint.org>

Cc: HPHS Board <hyde-park-historical-society-board@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Promontory Point Park Landmark Support Letter

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Mr. Maurice Cox
Commissioner of Planning and Development
Commission on Chicago Landmarks

Alderman Leslie Hairston, 5th Ward Alderman
Ms. Kimberly Webb, Chief of Staff / 5th Ward
Ms. Mary Lu Seidel, Director of Community Engagement / Preservation Chicago
Landmarks Program Committee
Promontory Point Conservancy

Dear Commissioner Cox, Alderman Hairston, Ms. Webb, Ms. Seidel and others:

On behalf of the Hyde Park Historical Society, I am attaching our letter of support for Preservation Chicago's efforts to landmark the Promontory Point Park. This action has been voted and approved by the HPHS Board of Directors. Please let us know if you require any further assistance from our organization.

cc: HPHS Board of Directors

Regards,

Janice A. Knox

President / Communications Co-Chair

President@hydeparkhistory.org

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Hyde Park Historical Society

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Mr. Maurice Cox
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Dear Commissioner Cox:

The Hyde Park Historical Society is in strong support of Preservation Chicago's suggestion to the Program Committee of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks that Promontory Point Park be designated an official Chicago Landmark.

Promontory Point has been an important element of Chicago's cultural and architectural landscape since the 1920's and '30's when it was created as a WPA project with a landscape design by Alfred Caldwell. For almost one hundred years the Point has been a beautiful, safe and diverse gathering place for people from all over Chicago.

The historic limestone block step-stone revetment at Promontory Point is the last piece left of nearly eight miles of stone revetment that once protected our lakefront parks. The limestone made an aesthetically beautiful transition from the raw natural power of Lake Michigan to the complex urban built environment of Chicago. The limestone revetment at Promontory Point still functions to protect the park from erosion.

In 2018, with support from the Commission and unanimous consent from the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Committee, Promontory Point was listed on the National Register. Both the diverse cultural history of the Point and its historic limestone revetment are featured in the Register designation report.

We urge you to give serious consideration to designating Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark.

cc: Alderman Leslie Hairston, 5th Ward Alderman
Ms. Kimberly Webb, Chief of Staff / 5th Ward
Ms. Mary Lu Seidel, Director of Community Engagement / Preservation Chicago
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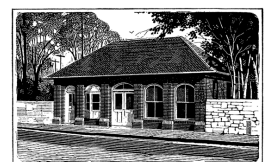
Sincerely,

Janice A. Knox

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Saving Promontory Point

Isabel Stewart <iscastew@aol.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:30 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear Commissioners:

Please honor the rich history of Promontory Point and its importance to the denizens of Hyde Park and beyond by giving the Point landmark status so that the limestone installed there in the 1930's will be retained, restored and preserved for all of us and for generations to come.

Respectfully,

Isabel C. Stewart
Jackson Towers

Save Promontory Point!

VALENTINE MICHAEL SMITH <yaakovgold2@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:50 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

My name is Jacob Gold, and I've been a die hard pointswimmer for over ten years...

Promontory Point holds a special place in my heart, as it does for so many others in this great city. Not only do I enjoy it for the swimming, but I have also found a strong and diverse community there. I met some people who will be lifelong friends of mine on those limestone rocks, and i know it would absolutely destroy us to see it turned into the drab concrete that so much of the lakeshore has become. These limestone rocks have history, and character above any other park I can think of in this city and the importance of it to so many people I know cannot be measured.

I'm 32 years old, and I met three of my best friends swimming at the point: Howard Mogan, age 63, Berta Hinojosa, age 85, and Patty Quinn, age 71... the four of us have traveled internationally together, only after meeting at PROMONTORY POINT!! Where else is there such a strong sense community cultivated by only a public space? Nowhere. It doesn't exist anywhere else, and if the city destroys the point, they destroy some of this history and community with it.

Please consider the depth of meaning this place has to all of the different communities who enjoy it, and please decide to give the point landmark status so all of these generations have a chance to enjoy it just the same.

With love,
Jake Gold

Please establish Promontory Point in Hyde Park as a landmark

Jen Allocco <allocco@uchicago.edu>

Mon 9/20/2021 11:48 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: leslie.hariston@cityofchicago.org <leslie.hariston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear DPD Commissioner Cox,

My name is Jen Allocco, and I am a Hyde Park resident and University of Chicago student. I am writing about establishing Promontory Point in Hyde Park as a landmark.

The Point represents one of the best recreational areas for the South Side and many residents, including myself, spend time there every day. Running, swimming, or relaxing, the Point has something for everyone. During COVID, my friends and I were able to set up a socially distanced Ironman triathlon at the Point! Nowhere else in the city was suitable for this, and certainly nowhere else on the South Side. I believe that it should also be taken into consideration that the Point is unique in that it has many limestone rocks, whereas the rest of the lakefront is concrete. This must be preserved as a landmark of the City of Chicago.

Thank you for your time,
Jen Allocco

Ph.D. Candidate
Alegre Lab, Committee on Immunology
University of Chicago
She/her

Save the historic value of Promontory Point

Jennifer Mosley <mosleyjen@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 1:59 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Hello,

I am writing to submit public comment on the Landmark status of Promontory Point, one of Chicago's great historic park areas. "The Point" is unique in American cities and a beautiful site on weekends with people spread out on the limestone, enjoying the way that this part of the park feels almost European in nature. It absolutely is an absolute treasure and people all over the city, not just in Hyde Park, will be devastated if it is destroyed by being surrounded by concrete. The number of weddings and other events held there are evidence that there is something very special about this area. It is not just a park by the lake. Here, the park and the lake are integrated in a way that is more organic than elsewhere in the city, part of the original vision of several of Chicago's founding fathers.

If this park is ringed in concrete it will lose its special character forever. During a time when there is already so much change, shouldn't we preserve something special for our children? Something to remind them of the grand ambitions of the city? We can still have those ambitions. This is esp. true given how much historic parkland, esp. the Women' Garden, was just plowed under in this same neighborhood to create the Obama Center. I support the Obama project, but mourn the loss of those spaces. We have given a lot. Can we please keep this?

I am originally from California and when my father visits the first thing he always mentions is how beautiful the parks are in Chicago. I hope we can keep that reputation, but currently am not very optimistic.

Thank you,
Jennifer Mosley
4850 S. Kimbark
Chicago IL 60615

Landmarking Promontory Point

Jesse Raber <jesse.raber@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:55 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for Promontory Point receiving landmark status. This issue is very important to me and to many other South Siders, in Hyde Park and beyond.

Thank you,

Jesse Raber

Promontory Point

Jessica Stockholder <jstockholder@uchicago.edu>

Fri 9/17/2021 8:51 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

I am writing to let you know how important Promontory Point is to the Hyde Park Neighborhood, to me, to my family and friends. The limestone beach front is uniquely beautiful; it acts as a bridge between the built landscape and the natural one. The limestone stones create a beach front that is people friendly, and full of unique and shifting details that contribute to feeling relaxed and cared for. To replace the limestone with concrete would create a uniformity that is out of sync with the natural environment that so many go there to enjoy.

I urge you to respect the historic and cultural significance of this feature as it was acknowledged in 2018 when it was added to the National Register. Please help to designate the point as a City of Chicago landmark!

Sincerely,

Jessica Stockholder

Jessica Stockholder - Artist,
Raymond W. and Martha Hilpert Gruner Distinguished Service Professor,
DoVA, Division of Humanities,
University of Chicago.
<http://dova.uchicago.edu>
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Comments on Promontory Point

Jill Riddell <jill.riddell1@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 4:58 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

I am writing to strongly support the designation of Promontory Point as an official Chicago Landmark, and to oppose the proposal to replace the current limestone edging and steps with steel and concrete.

The presence of the limestone is important aesthetically (obviously!) but it's also important to the economic vitality of Chicago. The attraction of young individuals and families to relocate to Chicago is critical to our economy; and studies conducted by the Department of Planning and Development have shown that part of what attracts potential new residents to American cities is both nature and the presence of things that have an integrity and authenticity to them. (Old historic buildings, preserved relics of industry, etc. You can see this in Minneapolis, Portland, Boston and elsewhere, where even though industrial spaces are repurposed, they retain vestiges of their original appearance.)

Promontory Point is currently the only place on the lakefront that looks the way it looks. The limestone was quarried in New Bedford, Indiana, and is the same stone that the Empire Building is constructed out of. The stone is ancient and natural, and the feel of walking across it is like hiking in a natural area--yet you're right in the city. There are occasional gaps and divets in its surface, and when my children were small, the limestone was a great place for them to practice the life skills of negotiating paths that weren't "perfect" and all made smooth for them in advance of their arrival. There is little in this city that has that character of beauty, wildness, ruggedness, and a deep connection with something ancient.

In addition, this is an area that has long supported and sustained through community effort and through shared watchfulness "wild swimming," where one can swim in Lake Michigan. Most beaches don't permit swimmers to go any deeper than waist high; this makes actual swimming impossible for an adult.

In short, there is nothing else like Promontory Point in all of Chicago. It is an incredible resource and one-of-a-kind. If we allow the limestone to be coated over in layers of wet cement, there will never be a time in the future where the City or the Army Corps will go to the expense and trouble to repair the damage and restore the limestone. Once it is gone, it's gone forever.

Whatever replaces the limestone will be overly bright--the concrete elsewhere along the south lakefront is highly reflective of sunlight and is unpleasant to walk upon. It risks becoming hot, and soulless--please don't let that happen! There will be no way to redeem or retrieve Promontory Point's current natural beauty.

Thank you for your service to our city,

Jill Riddell
4730 S. Kimbark Avenue

In support of landmark status for Hyde Park's Promontory Point

John Jacobsen <eigenhombre@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:16 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>; Eden Lee Rosenbush <eden.rosenbush@gmail.com>

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To whom it may concern,

We wish to add our voices to the chorus of many who wish to preserve Hyde Park's historic landmark, Promontory Point, in its current form, and in particular to preserve the existing limestone revetment.

Promontory Point is a precious and well-loved resource for our neighborhood, the City, and the nation. The thousands of Hyde Parkers, like ourselves, who use the resource nearly every day of the year, dearly love the historic character of the site and oppose replacing it with a uniform, generic concrete revetment as has been done elsewhere on the City's North and South Sides. It is essential that any large-scale changes to the site must be done in collaboration with the community most affected by the changes, and in a way that is consistent with National Historic Register standards. The maintenance plan that has been proposed by the community for over 20 years, which would involve preserving and reinforcing the existing limestone revetment, addresses the needs for the site less expensively and more beautifully than the "default" concrete plan the City seems to be trying to resurrect.

We would strongly urge Ald. Hairston, her staff, and all City officials with a voice in this matter to please support this community's desire to preserve this resource with the historic character it retains. It deserves Chicago Landmark status.

Thank you for your attention,

Dr. John E. Jacobsen
Eden L. Rosenbush
5431 S. Cornell Ave.
Chicago, IL 60615

Promontory Point

Joseph Hopson <hopson.joe@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 5:53 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Hi,

I'd like to express concern over any replacement of the Promontory Point limestone. As someone who uses the point frequently, I find the historic limestone one of it's most aesthetically pleasing and beloved features of the park. Biking to the point and enjoying the views from the limestone is a tradition that myself, my friends, and many others enjoy and I feel would be compromised with a concrete replacement solution. Although surely a more robust solution to the rising water and crashing waves that have hit much of the rest of the lakeshore, Promontory Point seems to sit high enough to withstand much of the erosion that has caused elsewhere on the lakeshore caused by rising lake elevations. I understand the need to keep the shoreline itself intact, but I would implore that a solution with the historic limestone be committed to. The best portions of the point, aesthetically and for recreation, are the portions of limestone that continue into the water depths. I find people do not tend to congregate near the concrete portions of the shore of the point (on the west/northwest ends) as they just look and feel too industrial in comparison to the limestone. I ask that all measures be taken to preserve limestone, especially near the top of the shore (at the elevations of the adjacent path). If concrete needs to be expanded, I would implore that sections remain with limestone into the lake to maintain areas for recreation access. Entering the water from the concrete sections is too high of a 'drop'. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Joe Hopson

Designate Promontory Point, Burnham Park, a City of Chicago Landmark!

Joy Clendenning <joyclendenning@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:11 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear Commissioner Cox,

It is time to designate Promontory Point, Burnham Park, a City of Chicago Landmark. The Point is a remarkable place, enjoyed by so many, from the nearby neighborhoods and by people from across the city. Part of the welcoming feel of the Point is the historic limestone revetments which sadly are no longer a feature of most of Chicago's lakefront. At a time when so many are dealing with so much difficulty it is more important than ever to have places people can go and be at peace. Please take whatever action is needed to designate Promontory Point a City of Chicago Landmark and preserve this South Side jewel for future generations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joy Clendenning

Joy Clendenning, she/her/ella

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Please Consider Promontory Point for Chicago Landmarks Designation

Julia Bachrach <julia.bachrach@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 12:38 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear Commission on Chicago Landmarks-

As the previous historian for the Chicago Park District for over two decades and author of the Promontory Point National Register of Historic Places nomination I strongly recommend that you consider Chicago Landmarks designation for this truly exceptional historic place. The site is among the most intact works of nationally-renowned landscape architect Alfred Caldwell. It is also one of the few stretches that retains the historic step stone revetments that once lined most of Chicago's lakefront. It is an extremely Democratic space, and the historic stepstones provide some of the lure of this special place. I hope you will help save this remarkable historic landscape by affording it the landmark protection that it truly deserves.

Thanks for your consideration,

Julia Bachrach

Historian, Author and Preservation Planner

Promontory Point Landmarking

Kate Ferrera <vferrera9@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 12:21 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

I am writing to provide testimonial in support of making Promontory Point in Hyde Park a Chicago Landmark. It is one of the most beautiful parks in the city and is one of the first places that made me love Chicago. I've had so many good memories sitting on the rocks and watching the sunset with friends. When COVID was at its worst, before I was vaccinated, when everything in my life was remote and I couldn't see many friends, I'd take a walk to the Point at least once a week. It gave me a reason to leave the house and get exercise, and being out in nature and able to enjoy the beauty of the Point and the lake around it helped relieve tension and anxiety at an otherwise pretty dark and isolated period in my life. The Point will always have a special place in my heart, and I think it deserves to be a landmark.

Thank you,
Kate Ferrera

The Point is The Point

Kate Morrison <katemorrison@sbcglobal.net>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:06 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Promontory Point with its beautiful limestone should be landmarked and preserved. Please save our beautiful Promontory Point which has saved so many of us from being completely devoured by concrete and urban surroundings.

Thank you,
Kate Morrison
katemorrison@sbcglobal.net

For the Wednesday September 22 Meeting - Promontory Point

Kathleen Reddy <reddy.kathleen@gmail.com>

Fri 9/17/2021 5:44 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

To the Program Committee of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks ,

Hello,

I am adding my voice to those in the city recommending that The Point be named a City of Chicago landmark in addition to being on the National Historic Register.

This beautiful part of Burnham Park needs to be saved as it is with the aesthetics used by the architects. The limestone terraces are organic and interesting and generations have grown up going over to the Rocks and climbing up and down and enjoying the lake. The architect created something so natural that at 70 years old I, a Chicago native, just learned that it is man made.

The design is on a human scale - it is easy for an adult to step down from one terrace to the next. The poured concrete revetment on the lake just to the north of the actual point is not so well designed -taking into account how actual human beings move and process the information around them. In fact, this spring I stepped down from the top terrace on that poured concrete revetment to the second level and lost my balance because I misjudged the distance from level one to level two. I wrongly relied on years of experience with the original revetment so I had to step down too far. I lost my balance, fell and broke my wrist.

Now that could happen to anyone who is not careful but for the first time I realized the care and attention that had gone into the design of the limestone block revetment - not only the aesthetic concerns but putting things on a human scale - designing for people.

I am sure it is possible to create ways to maintain this treasure beloved by lifelong residents of the southside and people who come to visit in Hyde Park and people who come to live just for a while.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Reddy

Comment on Promontory Point Landmark decision

Lauren <ldean118@gmail.com>

Thu 9/16/2021 3:38 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing today to provide my comment, as a Chicago citizen and as a professional urban planner, on the potential naming of Promontory Point as an official Chicago Landmark. I strongly urge the commission to approve the Point's Landmark status, as it is a stand out example of how our public spaces can build community.

At any given afternoon on the weekend, it takes just a brief walk around The Point to see how valuable this space is to so many communities, from families barbecuing to neighbors swimming together. It's rare in Chicago to have a space where people from many backgrounds can relax together, without fighting between neighbors, but the Point manages to be that space for many people.

Further, in a moment of critical action regarding climate, it would be an enormous failure on the part of the city to continue breaking down and redeveloping the spaces we already have available to us, generating new waste and taxing the city's limited budget. Granting Landmark status to The Point would ensure that we can preserve a piece of Chicago's radical history - the construction of new public spaces from local materials through the WPA - while also ensuring that everyone continues to have access to public spaces that are safe, lively, and shared.

Thank you,
Lauren Dean

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Lauren Dean
Master of Urban Planning and Policy
University of Illinois at Chicago, 2017

Landmark Promontory Point

Lauren DeLaTorre <lauren.delatorre@hotmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:03 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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It is imperative that the city takes Promonotory Point in consideration for landmark status. "The point" continues to be a pivotal place for the people of surrounding neighborhoods to gather, escape, recharge, reflect and appreciate the elements of sky, rocks and water in one place. During a time when mental health is being stretched to the limits of most Chicagoans, this place offers safe harbor. Please consider doing whatever it takes to protect this sacred space starting withe denoting landmark status.

Thank you,
Lauren DeLaTorre
5219 S. Drexel Ave
Chicago, iL 60615

September 22, 2021

Re: Chicago Landmark Designation for Promontory Point

Dear Commissioner Cox:

I strongly urge the Commission on Chicago Landmarks to grant landmark status to Promontory Point in Burnham Park.

Promontory Point is one of the last remaining limestone revetments in the city of Chicago and is widely used and beloved by a diverse set of Chicago residents. It is a unique place of serenity and beauty along our lakefront and continues to protect the shoreline from erosion.

Promontory Point was listed on the National Register in 2018 with the unanimous support of the Chicago Landmarks Commission. It is fitting today that this same commission consider and designate landmark status on the city level. This would further protect Promontory Point from destruction and help ensure its protection and restoration.

Let's celebrate designations like Promontory Point which make our lakefront one of the most unique and beautiful in the country.

Sincerely,

Lauren Moltz

Promontory Point Public Comment

Liam Flanigan <l.flanigan34@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 11:31 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to urge you to landmark Promontory Point. Beyond its obvious importance as a community gathering place and beloved hangout, it should also be protected as an example of the work by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s. Demolishing the Point's limestone steps would be another step towards erasing the legacy of the many Chicagoans and Americans who served their country through the WPA. Please, do what you can to preserve this legacy.

Respectfully,
Liam Flanigan

The Point

Lilly Lerer <lillylerer@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:01 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Chicago,

Promontory Point is the most important place in Chicago to me. Every birthday, every milestone, every event I choose to celebrate there. In fact, I chose to move to Chicago 12 years ago, in no small part because a friend brought me to Promontory Point and I watched the water run through the limestone cracks.

Please make Promontory Point a Chicago landmark. It is already a central landmark for thousands of us who visit the point frequently to mark all the special occasions in our lives.

Very best,
Lilly Lerer
Hyde Park Resident

Promontory Point

Lisa DiChiera <ldichiera@landmarks.org>

Wed 9/15/2021 6:06 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; Daniel Klaiber <Daniel.Klaiber@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Jack Spicer <jackspicer@earthlink.net>; wmiller@preservationchicago.org <wmiller@preservationchicago.org>

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Dear Members of the CCL Program Committee,

In 2004, Landmarks Illinois included Promontory Point on its Most Endangered Historic Places list, as the local Hyde Park community fought hard in opposition to a plan that would have replaced Promontory Point's historic limestone revetment with concrete.

In 2005, then Senator Barack Obama successfully brokered a Memorandum of Agreement that required future repairs to Promontory Point would not replace but rehabilitate its limestone revetment. Now, again, discussion of replacement plans that would destroy Promontory Point's original limestone revetment (versus repair or rehabilitation consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation), are underway between the Chicago Park District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Promontory Point is an extremely important historic landscape (listed in the National Register of Historic Places) and seen as a focal point of Chicago's lakefront. As you may know, it was conceived as part of Daniel Burnham's *Plan of Chicago* in 1909, created by landfill in the 1920s and landscaped in 1937 by Alfred Caldwell in the Prairie School tradition. Caldwell saw Promontory Point as a symbol of Chicago's unique landscape, creating a significant South Side meeting place that reflects the vast prairie and the Great Lakes.

Not only is a rehabilitation plan a necessary treatment of this important landscape, but it would demonstrate the city's commitment to a community asset highly valued by the Hyde Park neighborhood and beyond. We ask you to please consider Promontory Point for study by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks as a designated Chicago Landmark.

Lisa DiChiera
Director of Advocacy
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SUPPORT landmark status for Promontory Point

Liz Huyck <ehuyck@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:42 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing to strongly support the motion to grant landmark status to Promontory Point in Chicago, and to preserve its limestone revetment along that stretch of lakefront.

The parks are a vital natural resource, where hard-working citizens can find a little respite from the concrete city streets, where we can recharge, breathe, and find a little peace in a small slice of nature. Trees, grass, birds and other wildlife—and also the lithosphere, the native rock. Chicago is a limestone place, and the natural cut limestone steps are signature of Promontory Point. They are one of its most attractive features. They allow toddlers to practice climbing, and swimmers and toe-dippers to access the water. Most of all, they are beautiful, and natural, like the parks. Trees, limestone, water make a lovely natural space. Trees, concrete slabs, water, not so much.

It is entirely possible to engineer a sound water barrier while preserving the limestone. All this has been worked out, and a full restoration plan approved! I am mystified why we have to go back and make these points all over again. No, we have not forgotten.

Please, please, please, we all beg you, don't let the stone be replaced with impersonal, industrial concrete! I have seen what has been done to the rest of the lakefront, and it is monstrous. How many families do you see sitting on the concrete, hanging their toes in the water, enjoying the sunset? Not many. How many on the limestone? Hundreds. So many, it's difficult some days to find a spot.

Please support our community in our effort to keep a little beauty in the world. We could all use it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Huyck

Woodlawn, Chicago

Promontory Point deserves to be a Chicago Landmark

Liza Lichtenfeld <liza.lichtenfeld@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:58 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commissioner Maurice Cox,

I am writing to you in support of protecting Promontory Point by officially designating it as a historic Chicago landmark. As a native Chicagoan, the point has served as a consistent source of community and a gathering point throughout my life. It is a place that inspires devotion and this devotion is baked into the limestone rocks that provide its shape and character and is worthy of protection. It is the rare place in Chicago where intergenerational community is fostered organically. People swim there daily, find peace and solace there, find connection and community. Just yesterday evening I watched the full moon rise with an entire cast of characters knit together via a shared place- we were nurses, psychiatrists, teachers, physical therapists, professors, students, social workers, anthropologists, civil servants, service workers, musicians. We were immigrants from France, from Ukraine, from Columbia, from Venezuela, anthropologists. Earlier in the week, I watched as a group of 6am swimmers celebrated a birthday. I've watched as people share cake with the most marginalized members of our community. It is a gem of Chicago, a place that sets Chicago apart from so many other cities, a place that inspires the best in all of us and it deserves our protection. It would be forever changed if paved over like so much of the lakefront in Chicago. Please protect it.

With sincerity and earnest concern,

Liza Lichtenfeld

(No subject)

Lorenzo Granada <lgranada@uchicago.edu>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:01 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear members,

Please maintain the limestone at the promontory point. Concrete is death!

Make the Promontory Point a City landmark

Maira Khwaja <mairak814@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 12:21 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>

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The Promontory Point is one of the few public spaces in Chicago and the south side where you can find a genuine diversity across race & age & class. Please ensure it receives the support it needs for preservation into the future by designating it a City of Chicago landmark. Thank you.

Maira Khwaja
5th Ward Resident

Please Landmark Promontory Point

Mary Aronin <mba10@comcast.net>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:49 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commission on Chicago Landmarks and DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

Promontory Point is a city treasure and needs to be given Chicago Landmark status so it can retain the beautiful limestone revetments and not become a concrete eyesore. The whole feeling of the place would change for the worse if the concrete people had their way.

The natural form of limestone is pleasant to the touch, warms in the sun, and is organic to sit on and lie against. Concrete is none of that. The Point was constructed with limestone in the 1930s and we should preserve the legacy. There is no good reason not to. It is endangered and we all need to do what we can to save it.

Please do the right thing and Landmark Promontory Point so it will be retained as the wonderful, beloved, City of Chicago park treasure that it currently is, for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Aronin

Sent from my iPad

Landmark status, Promontory Point

Mary Houghton <mary.houghton@mj73.net>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:36 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>

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I am strongly in favor of landmark status for Promontory Point.

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landmark Promontory Point

M Maloney <maloney@uchicago.edu>

Fri 9/17/2021 4:10 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

I would like to voice my support for landmarking Promontory Point.

As a daily visitor to Promontory Point, I strongly believe that the Point and its beautiful limestone should be landmarked and preserved. The Point is a special place that is pleasant to visit and important to everyone in the neighborhood. It should be preserved.

sincerely,
Mary Maloney

Add Promontory Point to Chicago's Landmarks!

Matthew Isoda <matthew.isoda@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 3:23 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear DPD Commissioner Maurice,

I would like to voice my support for adding the Promontory Point to Chicago's Landmarks! More than a local park or simple stretch of lakeshore, Promontory Point is a wonderfully designed and landscaped piece of greenery which draws visitors from across Chicago to bike, grill, relax, swim, and gather on the limestone revetment to enjoy views of Chicago, Lake Michigan, South Shore and all the way to Indiana on a clear day. It is a beloved place of beauty, and should be preserved and protected.

Thank you,

Matthew Isoda

5450 S E View Park, Chicago, IL 60615

Landmark Status for the Point

Maya Aeolian Kalmar Bauer <missmayabauer@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:06 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox and Ald. Hairston,

Please consider designating Promontory Point as a City Landmark. This is an invaluable location in our city. The beauty and history of the limestone rocks have brought many to the city to enjoy time (and events like weddings) with loved ones.

For me, Promontory Point (affectionately known simply as "The Point" by our friends) has gotten me through the pandemic. As a working professional, it has been invaluable to have this piece of nature and a safe space for families to gather. I have now celebrated two pandemic birthdays at The Point, gathering family and friends, safely socially distanced. For years before the pandemic, The Point has been my favorite place in the city, and a gathering place for people from the south side, and from all over the city, bringing together people of all backgrounds and walks of life in a safe space.

Please vote to protect this invaluable resource. Our city deserves The Point, protected as it has protected us.

Thank you,
Maya

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I support Chicago Landmark status for Promontory Point

Michael Scott <mjscottuic@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:10 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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To: DPD Commissioner Maurice D. Cox and the Commission on Chicago Landmarks

Dear Commissioner Cox and CCL,

I am writing in strong support of Chicago Landmark status for Promontory Point. I have been enjoying the Point for over 50 years and it was a landmark even in my childhood. Now it is practically the only stretch of lakefront left with the iconic limestone that used to line the lakefront. It is high time that it be given official landmark status -- please act now!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Scott
South Kenwood Avenue

Promontory Point as Chicago Landmark

Michael Lee <lee@iit.edu>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:49 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing in strong support of the petition to grant landmark status to Promontory Point — in particular, to its limestone revetment and supporting structures.

Having lived in Chicago for over 25 years — 7 of those in Hyde Park — I have had countless opportunities to visit Promontory Point, and believe that the limestone revetment gives the park a unique and timeless character, alongside its unparalleled view of our beautiful city. Indeed, it is my favorite place in the city; I was married at the field house off the Point just this past August.

Replacing the beautiful stones with drab concrete would do the community and future visitors to the park a grave disservice. I strongly urge the Commission on Chicago Landmarks to grant Promontory Park landmark status and stand by its mission to lovingly restore and preserve such sites for generations to come.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Lee
Faculty, Illinois Institute of Technology

In support of making Promontory Point a landmark

Mikolaj Czerwinski <mczer2@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:14 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Ward05 <Ward05@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Dear Program Committee Members,

I write in support of making Promontory Point and its famous limestone shores formally Chicago Landmarks. For generations of Chicagoans across the city, the Point has been a must-visit spot for summer sunbathing, evening BBQs and other leisurely pursuits. The limestone blocks that line the edges of the Point are a major part of the draw. It's unlike any other spot along our lakefront, and I hope you will do what you can to protect what makes it such a special place.

Sincerely,
Mik Czerwinski,
5450 S East View Park

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Mik Czerwinski

Promontory Point

Natalie Andrews <compostpiletattoo@gmail.com>

Sun 9/19/2021 6:09 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Natalie Andrews and I would like to add myself to the many concerned Chicago residents requesting against the demolition of the limestone at Promontory Point. The Point remains a fixture of Chicago's many lovely parks and it would be a shame to deface it.

From what I understand, the project to remove and replace the limestone is an unnecessary endeavor. Perhaps these funds can be directed more practically towards other parks neglected by the city. Or even better- simply fix the limestone!

Living in a metropolitan area tends to implicitly restrict so many of its population from the natural world. It is so necessary for our quality of life to be upheld by the maintenance of the Chicago parks.

Please consider the well being and happiness of the community who treasures the Point dearly.

Natalie Andrews

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Natalie Andrews

Tattoo Artist // Illustrator

Chicago, IL

CCL Promontory Point Testimony

Nicholas Asby <Nwasby@protonmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:01 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Hello,

I've attached a testimony in favor of Promontory Point receiving landmark status during the Wednesday CCL meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

~Nick

DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

I am writing you regarding the Commission on Chicago Landmarks meeting that is taking place on September 22 and voicing support of Promontory Point receiving Chicago Landmark status.

My wife and I first moved to Chicago three years ago, her as a teacher with CPS and myself an employee of the University of Chicago. Going to the Point quickly became one of our favorite things to do. After long weeks at work, we'd go grab some food, sit, and watch the water splash among the limestone rocks. As we saw more of the city and its shoreline, we were always drawn to the Point. While most of the lakefront north of the Point have large concrete ledges, the Point's limestone is uniquely beautiful. Dogs run up and down the different ledges, mountain bikers practice jumping from one bumpy piece to another, and people from all walks of life sit and enjoy the rocks.

In a city that is constantly changing, Chicago has decided to preserve its landmarks for future generations. The limestone rocks are a big part of what make the Point 'the Point'. Without them - it wouldn't be the same. I ask that the CCL preserve and invest in Promontory Point by making it a Chicago Landmark.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nick Asby

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Landmarking Promontory Point

NE <n.everett@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:00 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Hi there,

I'm writing in strong support of landmarking Promontory Point. I hope you'll do what you can to preserve this special park that is so loved by so many.

Thanks,

Nikki Everett

5425 South East View Park Apt B

Chicago IL 60615

Elijah Muhammad House™ also known as Sajdah House(R) nomination

Nuri Madina <nuri.madina@workreadyinc.net>

Tue 9/21/2021 3:37 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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find attached Letter of Support for The Elijah Muhammad House™ also known as Sajdah House® nomination

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Program Committee
Commission on Chicago Landmarks
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September 21, 2021

Committee Members:

This letter is to acknowledge our strong and unwavering support for the nomination of the Elijah Muhammad House™ also known as Sajdah House® to the National Register of Historic Places by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Blacks in Green has been a longtime advocate of sustainable black communities and consistent with these efforts is the need to preserve the important legacies and physical sites of African American history.

Honorable Elijah Muhammad was an outstanding religious leader of the Nation of Islam, a movement that pioneered Islam in America, an important social reformer, and an inspiration to the African American community's Human Rights Movement. His work remains an inspiration for us today.

Until his death in 1975 he led these efforts from his home at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, and during this time, hosted leaders of his organization, leaders of that movement and world leaders.

The recognition of this site will go a long way toward rectifying centuries old patterns of minimizing, marginalizing, and burying the great accomplishments of Black people. For these reasons we again offer our strong support of this nomination.

Nuri Madina

Managing Director

BIG, nfp/Blacks in Green

PLEASE confer Chicago Landmark Status on Promontory Point

Paul Baker <plsbkr@netscape.net>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:08 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commissioner Cox,

I hope this finds you well.

I am writing, as a resident of Chicago Mid-South Side, to add my voice to all those calling on the CCL to add Promontory Point to the list of official Chicago Landmarks.

The Point, as we residents fondly name it, is a jewel in the chain of lakefront parks that grace the City of Chicago. It's a destination for Southside residents especially, but for everyone really. Its boundary of limestone gives it a beauty and elegance that deserves to be landmarked and preserved.

I myself love to walk out to the Point, to see the Lake is every weather, and to meditate beside it, surrounded by happy people, in the warmer months.

Please give Promontory Point the honor and protection it deserves by naming it as one of our cherished Chicago Landmarks.

Thank you for your attention to the important matter and for all your good work. God bless.

Paul Baker

Promontory Point Conservancy

September 22, 2021

To the Program Committee of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks:

The Promontory Point Conservancy supports Preservation Chicago's suggestion to the Program Committee of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks that Promontory Point Park, Burnham Park, be designated an official Chicago Landmark.

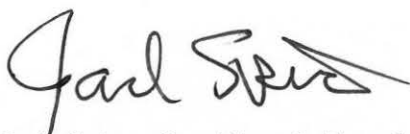
In 2018 — with unanimous support of this Commission and the unanimous consent of the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Committee, Promontory Point was listed on the National Register. As you know from your unanimous support, the historic limestone revetment and the Caldwell design are featured in the Register designation report. Just as another Caldwell masterpiece, the Lily Pool in Lincoln Park, was granted Chicago landmark status in 2002, we respectfully request that Promontory Point too be recognized as a Chicago Landmark.

Promontory Point features the last remaining stretch of nearly eight miles of stone revetment that once protected our lakefront parks. The limestone makes an aesthetically beautiful transition from the raw, natural power of Lake Michigan to the complex, urban built-environment of Chicago. All year long, residents of Chicago come from all over the City to swim and find safety, meditation and peace at the Point. For more than twenty years, community members have worked to preserve the historic limestone block, step-stone revetment and other historic features at Promontory Point. Since the 87-year old limestone revetment at Promontory Point still functions to protect the park from erosion, landmark status for the Point would further protect the historic revetment from impending demolition and new construction, and ensure rehabilitation and repair under the National Historic Preservation Act.

We urge you to designate Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark.

Sincerely,

Promontory Point Conservancy



Jack Spicer, President & Founder



Debra L. Hammond, Treasurer

In support of landmarking Promontory Point

Rebecca Hall <rfhall@gmail.com>

Sun 9/19/2021 6:30 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Ward05 <Ward05@cityofchicago.org>; info@promontorypoint.org <info@promontorypoint.org>

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Dear Program Committee,

I write in support of making Promontory Point and its iconic, beloved limestone shores formally Chicago Landmarks. For generations of Chicagoans across the city (both in and out of Hyde Park) the Point has been a must-visit spot for summer sunbathing, evening BBQs, quiet solo contemplation, and skyline views. It's also a city-wide endpoint for relaxation after both north and southbound bike rides down the lakefront path. The rustic, rough-hewn limestone blocks that line the edges of the Point are a major part of the draw. It's unlike any other spot along our lakefront, and I hope you will do what you can to protect what makes it such a distinctive, special place.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hall

5406 S East View Park (just a block or so from the Point!)

Commission on Landmarks Hearing - Promontory Point

rekha109@gmail.com <rekha109@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 2:28 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

Promontory Point should given landmark status so that its beautiful limestone stays preserved for years to come and doesn't ever become at risk of being destroyed and concretized.

At a time when there are very few public spaces that are free and open to all, the Point bucks that trend and is a beautiful space that welcomes so many individuals. Please give it landmark status so that future generations can enjoy the limestone steps the same way as generations past.

Respectfully,
Rekha Vaitla

Save the point !!

Resham Tessa Redmond Redmond <resham@uchicago.edu>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:47 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Hello !!!

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE !!!

Do not destroy the point or remake it into anything other than what it is ! The point is the heart of Hyde park and Chicago community, as a student it has become a small piece of sanity to cherish amidst the madness of the world . Changing the topography of this historic place- into concrete slab — would be a very insensitive move on behalf of the city.

Thank you ,
Resham

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Promontory Point public comment

Ryan Wilson <wilsrd@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 2:12 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Hi,

I am a resident of Hyde Park and a near-daily visitor to Promontory Point. The Point is a unique and special place -- it's the number one reason I choose to live where I do. I have celebrated so much life there.

I would like to voice my support for the Chicago Landmark designation to be bestowed upon Promontory Point.

Ryan Wilson

Save Promontory Point... Give it Landmark status

Librarian Rob <eckmrobe@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 12:57 PM

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Lake County IL bicyclist who enjoys the Point. Please give Landmark status to the Point.

P.S. - more bicycle routes there too.

Best,
Rob Eckmann
1018 Cumberland Ct
Vernon Hills, IL
60071

Landmark Promontory point !!

rrs5532@gmail.com <rrs5532@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 4:42 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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- > Dear Commission on Chicago Landmarks and DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,
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- > Promontory Point is a city treasure and needs to be given Chicago Landmark status so it can retain the beautiful limestone revetments and not become a concrete eyesore. The whole feeling of the place would change for the worse if concrete is used instead of limestone.
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- > The Point was constructed with limestone in the 1930s and we should preserve the legacy. It is endangered and we all need to do what we can to save it —ASAP!!
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- > Please approve Landmark status for Promontory Point so it will be retained as the wonderful, beloved, City of Chicago park treasure that it currently is, for generations to come.
- >
- > Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Siegel

60637

Sent from my iPhone

Promontory Point Historic Beauty

Roger Hughes <tragerbyroger@yahoo.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:16 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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To: Commissioner Maurice Cocks

I have been a Hyde Park resident since 1983. In the time since, I have enjoyed the NATURAL beauty and durability of the Promontory Point limestone border. As early envisioned as part of Burnham Park, I would only expect the City to follow through with a Land ark status for this famous and coveted Southside retreat. The city's plan to blanket with eventual eroding concrete and metal stairs (dangerous due to rusting) is a step backwards to Burnham's vision for the lake and the city's residents.

I hope the city commission can see beyond the concrete view of an ugly, unnatural and costly answer they are proposing.

-Roger Hughes

Now Presevation Chicago is suggesting to the Program Committee of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks that Promontory Point, Burnham Park, be designated an official Chicago Landmark too.

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Please designate Promontory Point as a Chicago Landmark, preserve its uniqueness

Scott Durand <scottdurand93@gmail.com>

Fri 9/17/2021 5:11 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox.,

Promontory Point is my favorite place in the city to enjoy the lake. It's a unique piece of the Chicago landscape and architecture that, because of its limestone surroundings, has a natural and oasis-like feel that I haven't found anywhere else on the Chicago lakefront.

During my years visiting the Point, I've seen how my fellow Chicagoans interact with both the limestone and the already converted concrete sections. In the hot summer, the limestone rocks are dotted with families and friends each having their own small adventures, while the barren concrete sections remain empty. The concrete ground and benches are scalding and mostly unusable, and they create a barrier between people and the water that ruins the magic of the place.

I'm all for a concrete section that adds accessibility, but I'd like to ask that the whole of the Point not be converted into a bland and less usable space that we can no longer enjoy like we do now.

–Scott

Promontory Point

Scott Gehlbach <scott.gehlbach@icloud.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 2:39 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express my strong support for designating Promontory Point a City of Chicago landmark. I am new to Hyde Park—my family and I moved to Chicago last summer—but Promontory Point has already become a cherished part of my daily existence. I am frankly stunned to discover that the Point does not already have landmark status. If not this beautiful park, open to all, landscaped and engineered to aesthetic perfection and surrounded on three sides by Lake Michigan, then what? I encourage anyone in a position to decide on landmark status to take a morning jog around the Point, or to join the many families gathered around the fire pits on a summer evening. I am confident you will immediately understand the deep affection that so many have for this city treasure.

All the best, and with great hope that you will move expeditiously to grant landmark status to Promontory Point.

Scott Gehlbach
5648 S Dorchester Ave
Chicago, IL 60637

Letter in support of making Promontory Point a Chicago Landmark

Shannon Morrissey <shannonlmorrissey@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 4:03 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear Commissioner Cox,

I am writing to express my strong support of the petition to grant landmark status to Promontory Point in Hyde Park, Chicago, and to maintain the limestone revetment along the shore of Lake Michigan.

I moved to Chicago in 2016 and quickly fell in love with Promontory Point. Unlike most of the city's beaches, the Point has its own character and the limestone rocks make it unique when compared with the concrete and cement along most of the city's shoreline. Friends of mine visit from all around the city and marvel at the picturesque rock shoreline, the incredible view of downtown, and the diverse community that enjoys one of the gems of the South Side. Any day of the week you can see families barbecuing and friends gathering for frisbee or a dip in the lake. My husband and I were married at the Point this past summer. It's where we go to relax and unwind and where we hope to raise our family. If the beautiful rock coast were to be replaced with concrete, it would never be quite the same.

I wholeheartedly ask that the Commission on Chicago Landmarks grant Promontory Point landmark status and restore and preserve this beloved site for future generations.

Sincerely,
Shannon Morrissey

Promontory Point

Sima Cunningham <simacunningham@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:53 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Please do not redevelop promontory point. It is such a special part of the city, full of character. It makes so many people happy. Don't smooth it over. There are so many other spots to redirect resources. Please, leave it be. I am a born and raised Chicagoan and have lived here my whole life. Leave the point alone.

Sima Cunningham
2723 W Logan Blvd, Chicago, IL 60647

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Sima Cunningham
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773-294-9057

Please grant Promontory Point landmark status

Steven Lucy <steven.lucy@gmail.com>

Sun 9/19/2021 6:23 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Hello,

I would like to submit the following as public testimony for the 9/22 meeting in support of landmarking Promontory Point.

I recently had the pleasure of watching some 16mm home movies from the 1950s, in which a family picnics and goes swimming off the limestone rocks at Promontory Point. The only difference between those images and the images you see today is the fashion and cut of the bathing suits.

Promontory Point is a daily pleasure for those of who live nearby, and a destination for visitors from all over the city. There are miles and miles of concrete lakefront, and only one Point. Its connection to the past is part of what makes it special. Please grant it landmark status so everyone can continue to enjoy it for generations.

Steven Lucy
5432 S. East View Park
Chicago IL 60615
cell: 773-816-9216

Promontory Point Landmark

Sunshine Cahill <peter.andrew.cahill@gmail.com>

Mon 9/20/2021 6:10 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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Public comment to City of Chicago to #SavethePointAgain and declare Pomontory Point a Landmark:

One if the things I have always appreciated about Promontory point is that it has a unique feel from the rest of the Chicago lakeshore. Not only does this bring a great many families and friends and seekers of fresh air, peace and beauty out to this historic park; Promontory Point also provides habitat for migrating birds and other wildlife. On many an occasion during spring and fall I have found shorebirds and other species of birds seeking shelter in the rocky shoreline, in the shrubs that grow up through the cracks, and (at one point in summer, swallows nesting in the cavernous hollows). Birds are an indicator of habitat hospitality, where there are more birds there is more life. Snorkeling around the Point, has also opened my eyes to an ecosystem most visitors don't see, colorful minnows use the relatively warmer/calmer shallows on the lee side of the point to hatch and grow, crustaceans and aquatic insects also hide in the rocks beneath the surface. In my experience, the smooth concrete shelves along other parts of the shoreline are not as hospitable to such wildlife, cutting a brutally straight line where otherwise there was an ecotone that enabled movement between the aquatic and terrestrial habitats.

On the subject of brutalist architecture, and thinking back to my childhood, I know that I always found more entertainment and enjoyment in life in spaces that provided landscape variety and diversity compared to boring flat and blank paved spaces. On almost any given day in the warm months at Promontory Point (especially in during the pandemic, once the shoreline was open) I find children and youth playing and enjoying life on the steps of the shore, from a psychological and pedagogical perspective. The ever dynamic landscapes of the Point and lakeshore provide me and many others mental healing and feed creative nature play, things not easily encountered in urban spaces.

These tangible and intangible qualities are what prompt me to join this petition to ask that the historic landmark that is Promontory Point be maintained, with all its unique character and hospitality, and not destroyed.

#SavethePointAgain

Sincerely,
Sunshine
Hyde Park Resident

Promontory Point should have landmark status

Suzanne Erfurth <suzanneerfurth999@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 6:54 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

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It's an international treasure and shouldn't be ruined by concreting it over. We've had enough damage to historically important infrastructure lately with the Obama Center messing up the park.

Promontory Point

Sylvie Bendier Decety <sylvie.bendier@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 11:43 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Sir, Madam,

I'm a Hyde Parker, avid user of the Promontory Point. I go there for the beautiful views to the North and South, for the trees, for swimming 9 months/ year, enjoying the snow in the winter, meet with friends and **take a break from the constructed areas all around us.**

Although the Point needs repairs, I'd be grateful if it could be restored (close to) how it was when it was built.

I thank you for listening to your fellow citizens and hope you'll landmark the Promontory Point.

Sincerely,

Sylvie

Sylvie Bendier Decety

Chicago, IL 60637

Landmark Promontory Point!

Taylor Gendel <taylorgendel@gmail.com>

Fri 9/17/2021 7:27 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Hello Commissioner Cox and Ald. Hairston,

Promontory Point is one of my favorite spots in the city and it should be landmarked and preserved, not destroyed and concretized. We should repair and preserve the historic limestone revetment and guarantee full community participation in the process. Let's preserve this unique and beautiful community resource.

Thank you!

Taylor Gendel
Chicago Resident, 3rd Ward

Promontory Point Preservation

Tim Campbell <ticampbe@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 1:55 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; kimberley.webb@cityofchicago.org <kimberley.webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Commissioner Maurice Cox
Department of Planning and Development
City of Chicago
121 N LaSalle St
Chicago IL, 60602

Dear Commissioner Cox:

I am writing with regard to the upcoming programming meeting of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks about the status of Promontory Point. I write as a resident of the neighborhood also employed in Hyde Park who is a regular user of the Point.

I urge you to do everything possible to protect Promontory Point in its present state and to recognize the Point's historic significance and ongoing importance to many different communities and constituencies in the local area, wider South Side, and greater Chicago region.

People come to the Point from all over Chicago for recreation, relaxation, and respite from the city in a spot that doesn't look quite like everything else--with a little more serenity and scenery, offering unique views of the lake just a little farther out for those willing to make the effort. Almost every morning, afternoon, and evening I'm there, I'm struck by how many different kinds of people are using the Point in so many different ways. It's a special destination for all of them and a place where all these people come together.

I also write from the particular perspective of a swimmer, one of many who take advantage of the superior open water access the Point affords. The Point is one of only two Chicago Park District sanctioned open (deep) water swimming areas, and has a rich history of swimming going back several decades. Many have trained to accomplish reamarkable things like swimming the English Channel or across Lake Michigan itself. But many more have earned more confidence in the water and found a form of exercise and recreation that relieves stress and makes them healthier and happy people. Swimmers from outlying parts of the greater Chicago area and far beyond (San Francisco, Spain, etc. just recently) travel here just to have the opportunity to swim at the Point. The character of the Point's landscape and limestone blocks is an essential part of the experience.

In its present form, the Point is one of our city's best assets--a unique and indispensable place. A sterile concrete version of the Point would be no kind of preservation and result in a terrible loss for our community, now and in the decades to come when we will all need spaces like this even more urgently.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Campbell

Promontory Point

Tom <tomcarter@fast-email.com>

Sun 9/19/2021 2:17 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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To DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox -

Please give favorable consideration to granting Chicago Landmark status to Promontory Point. The esthetics of the Point and its beautiful limestone should be preserved for the quality of life of residents of Hyde Park and all on the city' south side.

Thank you,
Thomas Carter
1616 E 56h St, Chicago

The Point is a Chicago treasure!

Tunisia Tai <tunisiatai@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:54 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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Dear DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox,

The Point is one of the most wonderful things about the Southside. There's truly nowhere else like it. Every person that has ever visited me in Chicago has gone to the Point and has loved it as much as I do. It's beautiful limestone is a treasure and sets it apart from the rest of the lakefront. It would be heartbreaking for it not to be preserved. We've all made lifelong memories on those rocks and it would be a tragedy to lose what truly gives the Point it's wonder and charm. The Point is the definition of a Chicago Landmark, please treat it as such!

Thank you so much, I hope you all make the right decision!

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Landmark Status for Promontory Point

Melissa Weber <melissaweber4801@gmail.com>

Fri 9/17/2021 4:50 PM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>

Cc: Jay Dandy <jaydandy13@gmail.com>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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City To: DPD Commissioner Maurice Cox

Dear Commissioner Cox

We are writing to strongly urge you to appoint Chicago's South Side's Promontory Point with Landmark Status. One of the most unusual and unique features of the point is its limestone stone revetment. Several years ago this restoration project was approved, yet now the City plans to replace them with concrete steps.

As a homeowner in Kenwood, who has restored one historic house here and another one in Wicker Park, we worked with the Landmarks Commission on both. We fully appreciate the significance of Promontory Point and it should remain protected as is for many future generations to come. The Point will lose both its character and historic significance should the City abandon the beautiful limestone boulders that ring its shores. They should be restored to their original glory.

Thank You,
Sincerely,
Melissa Weber
Jay Dandy

Preserve Promontory Point: Letter of Support.

Yasmin Nair <nairyasmin@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 12:58 AM

To: ccl <ccl@cityofchicago.org>; Leslie Hairston <Leslie.Hairston@cityofchicago.org>; Kimberly Webb <Kimberly.Webb@cityofchicago.org>

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the case for Promontory Point to be preserved. Its beautiful limestone should be landmarked and preserved, not destroyed and concretized. This can be done while taking care of all requirements for accessibility. One need not be sacrificed for the other.

Sincerely, Yasmin Nair

Yasmin Nair: Writer, Activist, Academic

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Please do not send anything via snail mail without first confirming my address.