

**Letter of Support for National Register Nomination
City Motor Company, 419 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina
Rowan County**

June 2, 2022

Dear State Historic Preservation Officer and National Register Advisory Committee,

It is a great day in our nation when federal and state officials, municipal partners, developers, investors and property owners come together to protect a significant historical building and at the same time, provide a model for housing that is innovative, promotes quality of life, economic development, diversity and education all in one place.

The Salisbury City Council, Salisbury Historic Preservation Commission, local community, and our family are committed to the rehabilitation and preservation of the City Motor Company building as a physical connection to our past and educational tool for the future.

In its highly visible location in downtown Salisbury, the City Motor Company project benefits our community in so many ways; high quality multi-generational, subsidized as well as market-rate housing with contributing services, distinctive architecture, a direct connection with our local history and culture, education, tourism, economic development, job opportunities, and an authentic reflection of the strength and character of our community.

This is also a unique opportunity to showcase the wise use of natural resources with historic preservation, a model of authentic conservation of resources, reduction in waste, and the reuse and repurpose of materials that greatly reduces the carbon footprint of projects like this one.

Catawba College, founded in 1851 in Salisbury, NC is listed in The Princeton Review's 2021 Top 50 Green Colleges in the Nation, with a Green Rating score 97 out of 99 in its Green Colleges Guide, and for the sixth straight year the Top 10 Best Colleges in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*. The City Motor Company project will serve as a great teaching tool and inspiration for students in higher education, a model that demonstrates how historic preservation reduces environmental impact and at the same time protects the hallmarks of our forefathers, their needs, lifestyles, and ways they expressed themselves.

In closing, our family appreciates your work, the opportunity to protect and share this important historic space, and the history it houses, with generations to come.

Sincerely,

Co-owners

Lisa Pope

Tzena Wicker

Sheila Stowers

Lorna Medinger

Sabrina Rufty

THE CLG COMMISSION SHOULD COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

A. We, the **Salisbury Historic Preservation Commission**, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for **City Motor Company** and find that the property **meets** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We therefore, **recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register.

 5/19/22

Commission chair's signature and date

B. We, the **Salisbury Historic Preservation Commission**, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for **City Motor Company** and find that the property **does not meet** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We therefore, **do not recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register. The reasons for our findings concerning this nomination are stated below (use additional sheet if necessary).

Commission chair's signature and date

THE CHIEF ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIAL OR THE LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD SHOULD COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMMENT PARAGRAPHS:

C. I, **Mayor Karen K. Alexander**, or We, the **Salisbury City Council**, have reviewed the nomination for **City Motor Company** and find that the property **meets** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We therefore, **recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register.

Additional Comments:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. K. Alexander', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Local Elected Official's signature and date

D. I, **Mayor Karen K. Alexander**, or We, the **Salisbury City Council**, have reviewed the nomination for **City Motor Company** and find that the property **does not meet** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We therefore, **do not recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register. The reasons for my (or our) findings concerning this nomination are stated below (use additional sheet if necessary).

Additional comments:

Chief Local Elected Official's signature and date