



## City of Ann Arbor

### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Alan Higgins  
Certified Local Government Coordinator  
State Historic Preservation Office  
300 N. Washington Square  
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Dear Mr. Higgins,

The Ann Arbor Historic District Commission wholly supports the City of Ann Arbor's application for a Certified Local Government grant to perform a reconnaissance-level resurvey of the Old Fourth Ward Historic District. This district was last surveyed in 1982 and its recorded data is woefully inadequate by current standards. The Ann Arbor Historic District Commission needs updated information on all of the district's properties in order to make timely, accurate and informed decisions on applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

In addition, as part of our Certified Local Government status, we are required to undertake regular surveys to identify and plan for important places in our community. The Old Fourth Ward, as one of the oldest neighborhoods in the City, contains architectural gems alongside modest worker housing. Both deserve to be recognized and lauded for their place in Ann Arbor's history.

We appreciate your attention to this application and hope you will seriously consider it for grant funding.

On behalf of the Historic District Commission,

Anna Epperson  
Chair