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for Historic Preservation  
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Mr. Greg Hosfield, Chairman  
Board of Architectural Review  
LFUCG Division of Historic Preservation  
200 East Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mr. Hosfield and Members of the BOAR:

The Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation (BGT) writes this letter of support for the work underway at 155, 159 and 163 West Third Street, property owned by Mr. Jerry and Charlotte Lundergan.

The Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation (BGT) serves as the region's leading advocacy organization for all preservation-related matters. Founded in 1955, we are the 14<sup>th</sup> oldest preservation organization in the United States. Since the time of its formation, the BGT has endeavored to promote the public recognition and preservation of buildings, structures, neighborhoods, districts, areas and objects which form the foundation of the Bluegrass Region's historic fabric.

The staff report prepared by the office of Historic Preservation on the three properties in question are, as always, meticulously reviewed and compared to the Design Guidelines. The BGT would agree with findings pointing to some demolition without permits and other missteps taken by the owners and contractor. These matters are not to be taken lightly.

But, from the perspective of the BGT, it is important to point to decades of neglect imposed on these properties, prior to Lundergan family ownership. Repair and restoration of the three properties under discussion will offer a new look to the 100 block of East Third Street. What we already see is vast and significant improvement made largely with careful guidance and consideration from the Historic Preservation staff.

The BGT supports the expertise of the Historic Preservation staff; they are the experts who give freely of their time and talent to the historic property owners of Lexington. We further thank you, members of the BOAR, for your volunteer work as experts in your own fields on preservation matters. And, in this instance, we also applaud the greater good and the long-awaited repair and restoration of 155, 159 and 163 East Third.

Thank you again for your time,

Sincerely,

Linda Carroll  
cc: BGT Board Members and Advisory Committee Members