



Chris Ellis, Jr., Chair
City of Albany Planning Board
Albany, NY 12207

Re: 324 State Street, Project #0532

July 27, 2023

Dear Mr. Ellis and Board Members:

Historic Albany Foundation supports the proposed reuse of 324 State Street as a multifamily, residential property.

Our support for this project is twofold. First, reusing an existing building is the most sustainable choice for development projects, resulting in less debris being added to landfills and less disruption to the life of the neighborhood.

Just as important, this proposal preserves the existing streetscape of State Street in the historic Center Square Neighborhood. While the building itself is more contemporary than its neighbors, it contributes to the street's history, telling the story of how Albany's residents lived, worked and went to school through the years.

Allowing the reuse of this building, at a time when demand for homes is higher than that of office space is sustainable, preservation-minded, and respectful of our city's evolution. It helps set a precedent for preservation over demolition or long-term vacancy. We encourage you to approve it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cara Macri", written in a cursive style.

Cara Macri
Director of Preservation Services