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VIA REGULAR MAIL

Harold Colton-Max, Chairman
Planning Board
Township of South Orange Village
76 South Orange Avenue, Suite 302
South Orange, New Jersey 07079

**Re: South Orange Historic Preservation Commission
Request for Non-Binding Advice
Jespy House
301 Academy Street; Block 2201, Lot 8
Our File No. 12485.1000**

Dear Chairman Colton-Max,

Please be advised that on February 20, 2020, the Township of South Orange Village Historic Preservation Commission conducted a hearing on a referral by the Planning Board of the above-referenced application for non-binding advice, pursuant to Section 9 of Ordinance No. 2016-09. At the hearing, the Commission heard testimony from Audrey Winkler, a representative of the applicant, and Siro Priscio Tarquinio, on behalf of the architect for the project. The Commission reviewed the application package. No further exhibits were introduced.

Ms. Winkler explained that the project consists of the installation of an elevator on the side of the building and an extension of an existing porch to meet the elevator, in connection with the conversion of the use of the property from a residence to a home for disabled adults.

Mr. Tarquinio presented the architectural drawings and explained that the home was constructed in 1906. The applicant proposes to install an elevator on the Fifth Street side of the property. The elevator façade will meet a 3.5-foot-long extension of the front porch. The façade materials will match existing finishes, colors and materials including the existing clapboard siding, asphalt shingles and wood trim. There will be a shed dormer at the top of the elevator to match an existing dormer in the attic of the existing structure. The elevator area will be 9 feet wide and 7.5 feet deep, which will extend a few inches past the fascia of the porch. At the request of the Commission, the applicant agreed to break up the mass of the elevator façade on the first, second and third floors on the Fifth Street side, on the porch on the Academy Street side and on the back, on the Valley Street side, with framed windows with closed shutters.

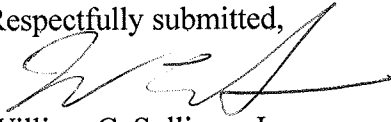
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With the applicant's consent to the above-referenced changes, the Commission has no objection to this application.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

Respectfully submitted,

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For the Firm

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Jacob Levine, Chairman (via email)
Elaine Berkenwald, Esq. (via email)