
THE LANDMARK CONSERVANCY

January 19, 2011

Ald. Brendan Reilly

42nd Ward Office

325 West Huron Street, Suite 150

Chicago, Illinois 60654

Dear Ald. Reilly:

Subject: Former Prentice Women's Hospital Landmark Designation

I am writing to you on behalf of The Landmark Conservancy. Our Board of Directors has unanimously approved advocating on behalf of landmark designation for the former Prentice Women's Hospital. Our organization is dedicated to education and advocacy on behalf of significant historic and architecturally significant buildings and resources. The building in question is architecturally significant and as such merits the consideration of the Chicago Landmarks Commission for landmark designation.

The avowed mission of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks is to identify, preserve, protect, enhance and encourage continued utilization and rehabilitation of such buildings which have a special historic, community, architectural or aesthetic interest or value to the City of Chicago and its citizens. It is undeniable that the former Prentice Women's Hospital is of great architectural and aesthetic interest to the citizens of Chicago and environs. The beauty and noble accomplishments of the past by great architects such as Bertrand Goldberg should be preserved in order to foster civic pride and continue the legacy of Chicago as the city of great architecture. In addition the Commission is charged with promoting economic development through rehabilitation. By promoting responsible adaptive reuse of this unique structure economic development will be advanced.

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We sincerely hope that the Chicago Landmarks Commission will affirm the recommendation that the former Prentice Women's Hospital be considered as a Chicago Landmark in order to ensure its continued existence and preserve the character and vitality of the Central area of Chicago.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Miller, President

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