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## **Name Change for the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois**

The Board of Directors of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI) announced at its annual meeting today that the organization will change its long standing public name to Landmarks Illinois, effective July 1, 2006.

The Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois was formed in 1971 from the rubble of the demolition of Adler and Sullivan's Stock Exchange Building. At that time, architectural preservation was a newly emerging activity limited to a small number of architectural insiders, academics and activists. Since then, LPCI has maintained an unwavering commitment to its original vision of preserving, protecting and promoting architectural and historic resources in Illinois through advocacy and education.

One sign of LPCI's success as it celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary is that the preservation movement in Illinois has grown from a general appreciation for the state's rich architectural and historic heritage into a complex series of mainstream topics, encompassing economic development, suburban sprawl, downtown revitalization, tourism and "green" architecture. In recognition of this more expansive role for the organization—and to better reflect a renewed commitment to its mission—LPCI is changing its name to Landmarks Illinois.

This simpler, less cumbersome name will be easier for a growing constituency to remember, and will help the organization to further increase statewide interest in preservation issues amongst an even broader audience as we embark on our next 35 years.

The organization will transition to its new public name online and in print over the coming months. For further information, contact David Bahlman, President. 312-922-1742