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Re: 528 Bienville Street

Dear City Councilmembers:

The Louisiana Landmarks Society opposes the addition of a penthouse to the property at 528 Bienville. The existing building already exceeds the 50 ft. height limit by 13 ft. as measured at the parapet. The proposed penthouse would increase that non-conformity to 70 ft., 20 ft. higher than permitted by ordinance.

The French Quarter roofscape is an important part of the architectural character of the Quarter and should be maintained. The cultural, historic and preservation economies are crucial to the economic well-being of our City. Any small economic gain on the part of the developer of this project would be more than outweighed by the gradual erosion of the architectural integrity of the Quarter. Louisiana Landmarks therefore asks that you oppose this addition.

Louisiana Landmarks Society has worked for over half a century to preserve the history, architecture, and culture of New Orleans. The organization has helped save important local landmarks, including Gallier Hall, which the City wanted to sell to private developers, and the Carrollton Courthouse, which the School Board wanted to demolish. Its educational programs help maintain appreciation for the traditional crafts and trades crucial to maintaining historic structures. The organization also operates the Pitot House, a house museum on Bayou St. John.

Cordially,

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