Date: October 5, 2020

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Cultural Resources Division Kansas State Historical Society
6425 SW 6th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615-1099

Re: Reuter Organ Company Buildings (612-616 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, Douglas County)

Dear Board Members,

The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council proudly supports the nomination of the Reuter Organ Company Buildings (612-616 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, Douglas County) to the National Register of Historic Places and to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Listing this building in the state and national registers recognizes the importance of this particular building to the Lawrence community. In addition, listing in the Historic Register of Kansas Places is an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources.

This nomination supports the continuing efforts to preserve buildings within the City of Lawrence which is vitally important to economic development, tourism, and other preservation efforts across Douglas County.

Thank you for considering this important nomination.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Michael Delaney, Chair
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Re: Cohn/Gardner-Hill & Company Store, 714 Main Street, Eudora, Douglas County, KS

Dear Board Members,

The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council proudly supports the nomination of the Cohn/Gardner-Hill & Company Store to the National Register of Historic Places and to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Listing this building in the state and national registers recognizes the importance of this particular building to the Eudora community with its extraordinary history. In addition, listing in the Historic Register of Kansas Places is an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources. This nomination supports the continuing efforts to preserve buildings on Main Street in Eudora which is vitally important to economic development, tourism, and other preservation efforts across Douglas County.

Thank you for considering this important nomination.

Sincerely,

Michael Delaney, Chair
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Re: Winter School No. 70, 744 N 1800 Road, Lecompton, KS

Dear Board Members,

The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council proudly supports the nomination of the Winter School No. 70 to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Listing this building in the state register recognizes the importance of this particular building to the Lecompton community. In addition, this listing is an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources. This nomination supports the continuing efforts to preserve buildings in rural Douglas County which reflect our cultural heritage. The preservation of this school means that the people of rural Lecompton Township will have a meaningful place to gather for educational activities and for social events. This project also supports economic development, tourism, and will inspire other preservation efforts across Douglas County and the state.

Thank you for considering this important nomination.

Sincerely,

Michael Delaney, Chair
Historic Sites Board of Review

Patrick Zollner

Re: Winter School No.70

The board of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance supports the nomination of Winter School No. 70 to the Register of Historic Kansas Places and the National Register of Historic Places.

This folk vernacular 1869 native limestone structure is an excellent example of a building form and use that were central to developing frontier settlement and our country's rural educational system. In essence these structures also performed double shifts as community gathering spaces when school was not in session. One-room schoolhouses did lose their primary use, however, once transportation options improved, communities grew, and school consolidation became the rule of the day. Many schoolhouses were lost in the latter half of the 20th century. This is one that deserves to take its place with ones saved.

Winter School No. 70 retains a strong integrity of both structure and rural setting. Unlike many that have come before this board, stabilization and rehabilitation work, performed to preservation standards, has already been largely completed. Of added significance is the fact that the Winter family, from the original donation of the land on which to build, to reacquiring the property in 1984 and setting up Winter School Preservation Inc. has been the steady hand caring for it all along.

Dennis J Brown

President

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Dear Board Members:

The Lawrence Historic Resources Commission (HRC) reviewed the National Register Nominations for the Reuter Organ Company Buildings, the Gardner Hill Department Store, and the Winter School No. 70 at their September 17, 2020 meeting. The HRC voted unanimously to send a letter to the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review supporting the nominations. The HRC considers listing in the National Register of Historic Places an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources in Lawrence and Douglas County.

Chapter 7 of Plan 2040: A Comprehensive Plan for Unincorporated Douglas County & the City of Lawrence identifies Douglas County and the City of Lawrence’s commitment to the identification and protection of Historic Resources. This plan encourages the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic resources. The nomination of the Reuter Organ Company Buildings, the Gardner Hill Department Store, and the Winter School No. 70 to the National Register helps to further this goal.

The Historic Resources Commission is of the opinion the Reuter Organ Company Buildings, the Gardner Hill Department Store, and the Winter School No. 70 are important historic resources that are worthy of the recognition and protection that listing in the National Register of Historic Places provides.

Respectfully,

Judy Meyer, Chair
Lawrence Historic Resources Commission