



*Olympia's*

*Preservation Award supports the Heritage Commission's goal of recognizing excellence in the rehabilitation of historic objects, buildings, structures, sites and districts, as well as new construction in historic areas (OMC 18.12.055).*

**PERSON MAKING NOMINATION:**

Name	Contact Details	Date of Nomination
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**NOMINATION TYPE:**

- Person  Project  Other:  
 Organization  Building

**CATEGORY OF NOMINATION:**

- Preservation  Education  Other:  
 New Construction  Scholarship

**NOMINEE:**

Name	Address	Phone/Email
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**SIGNIFICANCE OF NOMINATION:**

*Brief summary of the significance of the person, organization, project or building. This text will be used by the City of Olympia in preparing and presenting the award at the City Council meeting. Attach additional pages as needed.*

The Angelus Hotel was built circa 1900 as a hotel significantly different from what it looks like today, with a stepped parapet false façade on the east side of the building, and a total of two stories. It has retained its character since the 1919 renovation, containing a total of three stories now, more rectangular in form and storefronts along the first floor facing south along 4<sup>th</sup> avenue. It is listed on the local register and located within the national downtown historic district of Olympia. It has and still is contributing to the downtown’s character and vibrant corridor by housing many businesses on the first floor. It housed multiple businesses in the past starting with the M.E George Grocery Store and a hay, grain, and feed store when it was first built. Over time it housed several more businesses such as the rainbow café, a saloon, meat market, shoe repair shop, restaurants, and a barber shop. Now it houses businesses along 4<sup>th</sup> avenue such as the Cascadia Grill, Juju’s, and many more. Since it’s 1919 renovation it has always been in use as residential units on the upper floors, with small commercial spaces on the first floor.

The Owners who recently purchased this building renovated it around 2019-2020 and were determined about retaining the exterior and interior character and craftsmanship of the building by preserving as much as possible. The exterior façade was primarily preserved and cleaned, with little to no alteration or removal of materials. On the exterior the existing siding was cleaned and repainted, repainted the prominent cornice, cleaned and repainted storefront windows on the first level, preserved the mural on the east side, failed aluminum windows were replaced with vinyl windows and were matched in color and size to reflect the original. The owner noted one original window was repaired and preserved on the north side of the building. Tile flooring at the main exterior entrance with the name angelus has been preserved. Contemporary sign brackets were removed and replaced with more compatible ones that match the character of the building. Lighting fixtures were removed and replaced with fixtures resembling the ones in a 1936 photograph of the Angelus Hotel. Significant interior improvements have been done as well, improving the living conditions of residential units by upgrading finishes, mechanical and plumbing fixtures. A new fire alarm system was installed too, improving the safety of occupants. Alterations in the main corridor were made such as rebuilding the subfloor to level out the floor. The main stairway was altered to also correct settling but owners made sure to have the original railings and wainscoting reinstalled afterwards. Both stairs within the building were cleaned and repainted. Original paneled wood doors to unit entries were retained and repainted. Carpet has been replaced in the corridor. And overall, the interior trim of windows was repaired and repainted. Within the units flooring was removed and leveled, walls were repaired and repainted, ceiling was repaired and repainted, casework has been removed and replaced with new, some built in casework was preserved. Some more significant space improvements were done to convert offices and shallow studios with shared bathrooms to more functional sized apartment units that have their own individual bathroom. While this meant relocating and adding doors in certain parts of the corridor, the owner and contractor insured the character of the hallway reflected the original by matching the wainscoting and door casing.

Significant improvement to the Angelus Hotel has been made to both the interior and exterior for better living conditions and businesses, while still preserving the character of the building. After review with the Heritage Commission and analysis of improvements, we agreed that it has met the secretary of interior standards to qualify for the Special Tax Valuation. We agreed that as much as possible was preserved and repaired, and items were only removed that were not a reflection of its significant period or beyond the ability of being repaired. We would like to offer a heritage award to this significant building housed in our vibrant 4<sup>th</sup> avenue corridor, that has stood its time for over a hundred years.

X I have attached information to support my nomination, including documents, images, & other recognitions.

For a project

nomination, I have included “before” and “after” photos.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – PROVIDE AS APPLICABLE**

**PROPERTY OWNER FOR BUILDING/PROJECT BEING NOMINATED (if different from above):**

Name	Address	Phone/Email

**ARCHITECT / CONSULTANT FOR PROJECT BEING NOMINATED (if different from above):**

Name	Address	Phone/Email
General Contractor Investor Services LLC	120 State Ave NE #1408, Olympia, WA 98501	(360)753-8031

**BUILDING DETAILS:**

Address	Historical Name
204 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Olympia Washington, 98501	Angelus Hotel
Year Built	Year Rehabilitated
Circa 1900	1919 2019-2020 (? Date on Permit Documents)
Original/Early Owner	Original Architect/Builder

Geroge White and many other unlisted owners	George White
Original Use	Current Use
1900-1920: hay, grain, feed store with a grocery store at the corner, 1920-Present: Hotel, retail shops on the first floor, residential units on the upper floor	Retail shops on the first floor along 4 <sup>th</sup> AVE Residential units on the upper two stories
Heritage Designation Status	Other Information
Listed on the local register Located in the Olympia National Downtown Historic District	

***Attach additional pages as needed***

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