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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Brian Lawrence
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In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2018-07-05749
Property: Demolition of 403 Capitol Way South, Olympia – Olympia Downtown Historic District
Re: ADVERSE Effect

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Thank you for contacting the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) regarding the above referenced proposal. This project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

We have reviewed the materials you provided for this project. The building at 403 Capitol Way South (formerly the Goldberg store) is considered to be a contributing property to the Downtown Olympia Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. As such, it is a good and intact local example of how building owners in downtown areas across the nation "modernized" their buildings during the mid-20th century decades in order to project to consumers an up to date, trendsetting image. As such, we strongly encourage the applicant take steps to avoid or minimize the effects to this building, including consideration of rehabilitating the existing building to accommodate the new use. Rehabilitation work may qualify for federal rehabilitation tax credits if the design meets the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation.htm>). If rehabilitation is determined to be infeasible, the new design should be compatible with the surrounding historic district. Feel free to contact me should you have questions about the Standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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