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City of Stockton  
Community Development Department  
Planning Division  
345 N. El Dorado Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

SUBJECT: 625 E. Market Street  
Proposed Demolition of Existing Commercial Building

To Whom it May Concern:

As requested by TEAM Charter school, I visited the above referenced property in relationship to the proposed demolition of this existing single-story commercial building located in downtown Stockton. The intent of this visit was to assess whether this structure would meet the criteria for eligibility for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources. In addition to the site visit, the historical city Directory was reviewed from 1906-2013 for the evaluation of this structure from a local, regional and/or cultural perspective.

This structure has been in place for at least 50 years, however, it is not currently designated as local, state or national landmarks. In addition, this structure is not located in a designate historic district.

The structure is constructed of un-reinforced masonry walls and a wood framed bowed truss roof structure. From an architectural perspective, it is of no distinct architectural style.

The review of the City directories indicated that this building has been utilized primarily as a warehouse space, with interim uses as a printing shop.

In relationship to the CEQA criteria for historical listing, this structure:

1. In my opinion, this structure does not embody "distinctive" characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a "master" craftsman or possess "high artistic values."

2. In my research, I could not find documentation that this structure was “associated with an event, or events that made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local and/or regional history or the cultural heritage of the California or the United States”.
3. I was also unable to identify that this structure has any record of being associated with lives of person(s) “important to local, California or national history. Nor do they any recent record of yielding information regarding the history or pre-history of the local area, California or nation”.

Therefore, in my opinion, this structure would not meet the qualifications for landmark designation.

Sincerely,  
WMB ARCHITECTS INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas Bawe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T'.

Tom Bawe  
Principle Architect