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Charlie Hensley, Acting Chair
Landmarks Preservation Board
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Re: One Garrett Place (The Yorkshire), Yonkers

Dear Acting Chair Hensley,

I write on behalf of the Preservation League of New York to express support for the local landmarking of One Garrett Place in Yonkers. As New York’s only statewide historic preservation nonprofit, we invest in people and projects that champion the essential role of preservation in community revitalization, sustainable economic growth, and the protection of our historic buildings and landscapes.

As stated in the Landmarks Application, The Yorkshire is a “public amenity” and “public delight” much beloved by the surrounding community. It is also an architecturally significant Tudor Revival apartment building, part of a collection of apartment buildings on Garrett Place that reflect the social and architectural history of Yonkers. The Yorkshire is also an important piece of Yonkers social fabric, as it provides necessary affordable housing through many rent-controlled and stabilized apartment.

Thankfully, the Yonkers Zoning Board of Appeals has recognized the incompatible nature of the new building proposed by the owner of The Yorkshire. The Yonkers Building Commissioner has stated the current historic building is restorable following last year’s fire. We hope that the Landmarks Preservation Board now recognizes the historic and architectural importance of The Yorkshire with a local landmark designation.

We urge the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board to preserve this significant historic building. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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