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Historical Resources Commission  
City of Davis  
Davis, CA 95616

RE: OLD CITY HALL CORNER STONE ENDANGERED

The Old City Hall Building, a Landmark Resource, is currently undergoing construction and conversion for adaptive use.

A recent site visit raises concern about the measures the contractor has, or rather hasn't, taken to protect the exterior of the building during this activity.

A minimal amount of wooden protection was applied to the front brick steps of the building. However, the south corner of the steps has already been broken despite this token "protection", apparently by being hit or run over by construction equipment.

At even more obvious risk of accidental damage is the GRANITE CORNER STONE at the south west corner of the main building. It is completely exposed, without any protection whatsoever. Major damage to the inscription or to the integrity of the stone itself could easily result from an accident such as a piece of heavy equipment or material hitting the polished face or vertical corner of the stone.

Please have staff investigate and take appropriate urgent action to correct this situation and insure that the cornerstone and other important exterior features of the structure survive the conversion process.

Sincerely,

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