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Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 1:36 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #172577: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Sirs:I am writing to you...

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- Name: Harry Butowsky
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you today to oppose the additions and changes under consideration for the home of Justice Hugo Black at 619 South Lee Street.

I identified this site as a potential national historic landmark in my 1986 US Constitution: A National Historic Landmark Theme Study <<http://nps.history.com/publications/nhl/theme-studies/us-constitution.pdf>> The only reason I did not proceed with a formal nomination was that the property fell within the 50 year rule. I felt that more time was needed to make a final judgement on Justice Black's House. That time has now passed and were I to do the study today I would nominated this property at a National Historic Landmark in honor of Justice Black.

This will depend of course on the historic integrity of Justice Black's home. At at the present time the home possesses the integrity to become and landmark but should the present owner be given permission to make the changes proposed the house would not be eligible for nomination and Alexandria would lose a National Historic Landmark.

Justice Black was one of the more influential members of President Roosevelt's Supreme Court and there is no other site to honor him. If this house loses is historic integrity he cannot be honored with the landmark designation he deserves.

I understand the new owners have proposed a substantial addition to the property that will compromise its historic integrity. I urge the board not to approve these alternations. Justice Black lived in Alexandria for many years and it is only right and fitting that his house becomes a National Historic Landmark. For the present it is eligible and has the necessary integrity to be designated. Once the alternations are completed it will just be another house in Alexandria and you will have lost an important part of your history.

Sincerely,

Harry Butowsky
NPS/NHL Historian Retired

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 10

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