

[External] 474 Haywood Road

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Hi Mary,

I hope you are well! Your name was given to us from Jennifer Cathey. I am one of the tenants whose business operates at 474 Haywood Rd. It is my understanding that our building is scheduled to be demolished as plans for the I-26 Connector Project continue to move forward.

We have a few questions, however.

1. How does a building become eligible for historic preservation?
2. What are the requirements of eligibility?
3. To what extent is the NC DOT allowed to deem a building's historic value? And if given such liberties, why?

As of last week, members of the aesthetics committee said it would be in our best interest to try to establish this property as a historic building. I'm continually told there's nothing to be done, the building is going regardless of its historic significance.

It would be remiss not to continue fighting for the livelihood of my business, my studio mates' businesses, and the fate of the building itself. In addition to that, we're trying to establish why our building is being demolished at all, if in the latest renderings, our building is being replaced with trees. This doesn't make sense to any of us, and we'd really love to have some communication from anyone at this point for what we might be able to do to save the building.

Thank you for your time.

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