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Steve Turner
Director, Colorado State Historical Fund
1200 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Turner,

I am writing to express our support for the City and County of Denver's grant application for the Phase 2 Restoration of the Sullivan Gateway located on the City Park Esplanade in East Denver.

The Sullivan Gateway is celebrated by the community as a cherished historical element from the City Beautiful Movement. However, the structures associated with the Sullivan Gateway are in desperate need of repair. In recent years, this deterioration has greatly accelerated due to cracks and breakage of the terra-cotta tiles from vandalism and environmental strain.

City Park Alliance is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization comprised of board members whose memorable experiences in City Park are only eclipsed by their dedication to preserving and improving the park experience for others. Our collective vision is for City Park to maintain its historic character and flourish for future generations; to be an oasis of beauty and a community meeting ground, providing all visitors with positive and memorable experiences.

The City Park Alliance supports this rehabilitation because the Sullivan Gateway is a cherished and grandiose historical element that embodies the historical beauty of City Park. Its preservation is critical to maintaining the historic character of City Park. The development of the Central Denver Recreation Center adjacent to The Sullivan Gateway will also bring in substantially more pedestrian traffic to the area in late 2016 and 2017. Now is the time to address further repair so that vandalism can be discouraged, and so that the Sullivan Gateway's rehabilitation can be celebrated concurrent with these neighborhood improvements and the 100th Anniversary of its construction in 2017. Restoration will ensure that the Sullivan Gateway remains a proud symbol of Denver for years to come.

The City Park Alliance supports and encourages the State Historic Fund to provide the full amount of financial assistance that is being requested for this very worthy project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "GD".

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Greg Davis, Board Chair
City Park Alliance