

Dear Town Clerk,

We at SOM understand that there is a discussion happening tonight in Aurora about the Campbell Art and Barlor Music Building designations as Local Landmarks in village law. We consider these buildings significant works of architecture within our practice, but more broadly, they are widely regarded within our profession as exemplars of the brutalist academic work in the profession as a whole. Like the Louis Jefferson Long Library, they were designed by our pioneering architect Walter Netsch in collaboration with Structural Engineer Stanton Korista, SOM's work at Wells College was cited by Netsch as his best, and we agree! SOM wholeheartedly supports the landmark designation for these important structures and will be providing supplementary materials about the importance of the design from our archive in support of the public hearing on this matter, if accepted at tonight's meeting.

Thank you,

Colin Koop
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