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Alderman Bauman's Insightful Planning Makes Marriott a Better Project

Statement of Alderman Ashanti Hamilton January 19, 2011

Today the Common Council voted to move forward with the proposed Marriott downtown hotel project, after months of thoughtful debate concerning how to preserve the architectural history of the buildings connected to the project.

I want to thank Alderman Robert Bauman for his leadership in this debate; although the project has moved forward without the concessions he advocated for, his discussion, investigation and facilitation between the Historic Preservation Commission and the Council have been invaluable.

The project has been strengthened by these discussions and this research. The alderman has prompted us to make thorough and thoughtful choices and has provided the sort of perspective that looks to our past in order to best visualize our future. As we move forward, we should not neglect these insights or efforts.