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Ms. Bari Beasley, President and CEO
Heritage Foundation of Williamson County
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Dear Ms. Beasley:

During my long career in historic preservation, I have seen time and again that adaptive reuse is key to sustainability for our time-honored historic places. The commitment that the Heritage Foundation has made to purchase and protect the enclave now known as Franklin Grove, including the historic Perkins-Winstead House and the historic Haynes-Berry House, is a laudable vision that provides a blueprint for sustainability. The plan builds on the longtime use of the complex for educational purposes through a new mission centered on an art museum, symposiums, and interpretation of the relocated Lee-Buckner Rosenwald School, which must be moved to save it from demolition.

Franklin is one of the Tennessee Historical Commission's 49 Certified Local Governments, and I recognize that the Historic Zoning Commission is entrusted with making a decision that protects the character of the historic neighborhood and upholds the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. I look forward to this project that will preserve the Perkins-Winstead House and Haynes-Berry House, maintain the historic integrity of the property and surrounding neighborhood, and ensure the viability of Franklin Grove through creative and compatible uses.

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer