



Culinary Union  
1630 South Commerce Street  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Monday, April 8, 2024

Dear Ms. Kristen Brown:

I am writing on behalf of Culinary Workers Union Local 226 in support of the nomination of our headquarters building for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. As you know, this nomination is being submitted with the Multiple Property Documentation Form by NDOT and their consultants Mead & Hunt for the Multiple Property Listing Historic Places Associated with Latinos in Nevada, 1821-2000.

The Culinary Union, the largest organization of Black/Latinx/Asian American/immigrant workers in Nevada, demonstrates a rich history of labor rights activism, union organizing, community building, and success stories where Latinx workers led crucial labor strikes against powerful Las Vegas casinos. Given the significant role Latinx workers had in leading the Culinary Union to success in some of the nation's most significant labor strikes of the twentieth century, we wholeheartedly support this nomination.

Given the Culinary Union headquarters building served as the planning and implementation location of these important events, the property clearly demonstrates the significance of Latinx labor history identified in the MPDF historic context statement. We understand this nomination will be focused on Latinx history and associations, but we support and encourage future amendments to this nomination to explore the full breadth of the property's significant labor rights and organizing history, and the significant leadership contributions of certain Black and Asian American-Pacific Islander individuals.

The Culinary Union has played an invaluable role in the lives of thousands of workers in southern Nevada over the decades, providing negotiating support to secure a living wage, unmatched benefits, and upward economic mobility. This nomination will work to celebrate, document, and educate the public of the significant contributions of the Latinx community in some of the most critical moments in the Culinary Union's history, as well as the larger labor history of Nevada.

Sincerely,

Ted Pappageorge, Secretary-Treasurer, Culinary Union  
Diana Valles, President, Culinary Union

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