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Merideth B. Andreucci
Director, Business Development-Upstate
Empire State Development Corporation
400 Andrews St.
Rochester, NY 14604

Re: ESDC
Midtown Plaza
Rochester, Monroe Co.
08PR01197

Dear Ms. Andreucci:

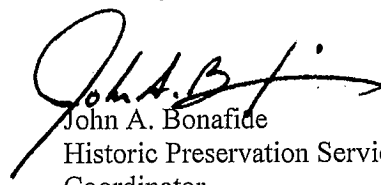
Thank you for providing your Agency's Impact finding statement regarding the proposed demolition and redevelopment of Midtown Plaza in Rochester, as required under Section 14.09 of the State Historic Preservation Act of 1980.

We have reviewed your findings statement and concur with your determination that the undertaking will have an Adverse Impact on the resource known as the Mid-Town Plaza. As previously defined by this office, the Mid Town plaza includes the commercial-retail development, the Victor Gruen atrium, and the commercial tower building. The removal of any one component or the entire complex constitutes an adverse impact to the historic resource.

Based on meetings held in Rochester where interested parties have been brought to the table to discuss options for the site, alternative proposals, and the needs of current and prospective developers/tenants, we believe that your agency is making significant efforts to explore prudent and feasible options. We would encourage you to bring this process to conclusion by selecting a preferred alternative and providing this office with the documentation that supports the option.

We look forward to continued consultation on this project. If I can be of any further assistance I can be reached at (518) 237-8643, ext.3263.

Sincerely,


John A. Bonafide
Historic Preservation Services
Coordinator

cc: Paul Tronolone, ESDC (via e-mail)