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Lisa Dady, Executive Director
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Subject: CPC Application for Jackson Homestead Fence Replacement

Dear Lisa:

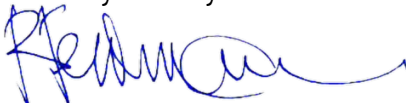
I wish to express my strong support for your application to the CDC to replace the Jackson Homestead's fence and gates along Jackson Road. I write as a preservation architect who has been licensed for 45 years, and as a Newton resident for longer than that. I am a Trustee of the Jackson Homestead and a member of Historic Newton's Building & Grounds Committee.

The Homestead's existing fence is past its expected life and is not fit for repair. More importantly, the proposed replacement provides an opportunity to install a fence that is both historically more appropriate for the property and, because fences from earlier times were made of more substantial materials, of a strength that will last for decades.

I am fully aware of the particulars of the proposal. I have reviewed the documents available from our Archives, including photographs from the 1940's that have been included in this proposal, and examined professional design standards of the era to determine the size and scale of materials likely to have been employed in those years. I will continue to be involved in finalizing the design.

I believe this proposal will enable us to construct a fence that is historically more appropriate than the existing fence and, as such, represents an appropriate use of CPC funds.

Thank you for your consideration.



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