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Mr. Simeon Bankoff, Executive Director
Historic Districts Council
232 East 11th Street
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Dear Mr. Bankoff:

Congratulations on your new position as Executive Director of the Historic Districts Council! I look forward to many years of a productive working relationship with you and your excellent organization.

I too have taken an interest in the fate of the old Huntington Hartford Museum at 2 Columbus Circle. As you may know, properties less than fifty years old must be proven to be of exceptional significance in order to be listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and my staff is assessing 2 Columbus Circle in this light. Meanwhile, I understand that the City of New York is seeking a developer for the property and, if the selected developer chooses to take advantage of them, there are tax incentives available for the rehabilitation of listed historic properties. I hope to have the opportunity to offer my agency's services for this kind of effort in the near future.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I wish you much success in your new endeavor!

Most sincerely,

Bernadette Castro
Commissioner
State Historic Preservation Officer