

Dear Mayor Elicker,

The New Haven Preservation Trust is pleased to offer a list of two candidates, from which you can select the Trust's Designated HDC commissioner. Both of these candidates are well qualified and eager to make a commitment to the City. We strongly recommend Dr. Waters but know that New Haven will be well served by either Dr. Waters or Ms. Morash. Dr. Waters has completed the interview process and the application forms required to become a Commissioner for HDC. Both are knowledgeable about historic preservation, Dr. Waters and Ms. Morash are married to each other.

Michael Waters

An active Trust Board member, Mike is Assistant Professor in the Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University. A New Haven resident since 2020, Mike is an architectural historian with a strong interest in American architecture. He has published essays on several buildings in Connecticut.

Mike has graciously agreed to serve because he is familiar with the work of HDC and looks forward to helping applicants and maintaining the character of the local historic districts. His background and enthusiasm for the work of preservation will make him a knowledgeable, valued Commissioner.

Emily Morash

Associate Dean of First-Year Students at Connecticut College, Ms. Morash lives in New Haven and will be pleased to serve on the Historic District Commission. In her role as Associate Dean, she advises students, trains advisors, and organizes student orientation each year.

Emily has a master's degree in architectural history and has taught a range of classes in art history and architectural studies, including courses that focus on the social, political, and cultural events that affect the built environment, from the Arts and Crafts movement to public housing in America. Emily knows historic preservation and the context in which cities are built and inhabited.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Rea, President

New Haven Preservation Trust