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To the committee reviewing the Historic Preservation Ordinance:

I have been very concerned about the validity of the process of an applicant appealing HAHC decisions to the Planning Commission and the Council and would appreciate it if the committee would consider the following suggestion. Given that the Planning Commission is not necessarily appointed because of their expertise in this matter, they may not be competent to decide whether the aesthetic and/or structural changes to a contributing historic structure are appropriate or not and whether the HAHC's decisions in this regard are consistent with the ordinance's physical criteria. My suggestion is that the ordinance be modified so that a COA appeal to the Planning Commission could only be made on the basis of procedural matters relating to the ordinance and this would exclude the Commission's consideration and judgment as to whether proposed physical changes to an historic structure are appropriate.

I am a 31 year resident and property owner in an historic district.

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