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Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Hotel Alma National Register Amendment

Dear Chair Beckham,

The Portland Historic Landmarks Commission (PHLC) reviewed the National Register amendment for the Hotel Alma (Majestic Hotel & Club Baths, Club Continental Baths, Club Portland, Crystal Hotel), located at 303 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97205 on Monday, January 22, 2024. At this review, the PHLC heard from staff and the preparer of the nomination amendment. The PHLC finds that the documentation included in the amendment meets the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places.

We offer the following comments on the nomination:

1. The Amendment document was very well researched and written. The preparer is to be commended.
2. Because the property is already listed on the National Register, the case regarding its historical importance has already been made and ratified. However, PHLC feels that this amendment supplements and enriches the historic record of the Hotel Alma.
3. The prominent location of the Majestic Hotel within the "gay triangle" district along present-day Harvey Milk St., the consolidation of the LGBTQ+ community to that district during the proposed additional period of significance (1969-1985), and the duration of time within that period in which the building was completely dedicated to LGBTQ+ uses makes a compelling case for the amendment.
4. The commission does not have any specific comments or suggestions to offer regarding the content of the amendment.
5. In general, the Commission is very pleased that properties with important LGBTQ+ histories are being further explored and nominated by the City of Portland for listing on the National Register.

Based on the unanimous vote of its members present at the January 22, 2024 hearing,, the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission supports the nomination.

Sincerely,

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Maya Foty

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Hugo Hamblin-Agosto

Handwritten signature of Peggy Moretti in blue ink.

Peggy Moretti

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