



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

March 18, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL,

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of The Hutchinson Building, 29 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on February 27, 2024 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on March 11, 2024.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (April 20, 2024), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

cc Rosanne Foley, Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: The Hutchinson Building, 29 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA

STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the section entitled: "8.0 Standards and Criteria," included in the study report for the subject property.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

Date approved: 02/27/2024

Attest:



(Secretary to the Commission)

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

MAR 04 2024

(Date)

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

Date approved:

MAR 11 2024

Signature:



(Mayor)



PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

MAR 20 2024

(Date)

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date approved:

Signature:

(City Clerk)

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: The Hutchinson Building, 29 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA

VOTED: That on February 27, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates the Hutchinson Building at 29 Bromfield Street as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

John Amodeo
John Freeman
Susan Gogonian

Richard Henderson
Kirsten Hoffman
Lindsey Mac-Jones

Justine Orlando
Lynn Smiledge

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

The Hutchinson Building (1924) is a unique and mostly intact example of Classical Revival commercial architecture in the Central Business District of downtown Boston. It was built for noted Boston real estate broker, investor, and developer J. Murray Howe, a founding member of the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board, which is now known as the Greater Boston Real Estate Board. The building was designed by prominent architect Ralph Harrington Doane, who had been educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and served as consulting architect for the government of the Philippines before opening his Boston office. Doane designed a number of buildings in the Greater Boston area, including Rindge Technical School in Cambridge and Motor Mart Garage in Park Square, for which he was awarded the Harleston Parker Medal by the Boston Society of Architects.

In addition to its significance as an example of Doane's Classical Revival architecture, the Hutchinson Building is representative of the development and growth of the Central Business District in the years following the Great Boston Fire of 1872, which saw a surge in the construction of commercial buildings to accommodate the city's thriving dry goods, shoe, and leather trades. During this period, the expansion of the trolley system and the growing popularity of automobiles led to increased commercial activity in the Central Business District, specifically Washington St. The popularity of automobile use for consumers also led to the widening of roads, including Province St.

The Hutchinson Building was an important contribution to the newly widened Province St. and completed the brand-new street wall.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 29 Bromfield Street, Boston, parcel number 0304733000.



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RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
MAYOR, VIZ:

Designation as a Landmark - Petition #134.87, the Hutchinson Building,
Boston



City of Boston
Historic Preservation



City of Boston
Mayor Michelle Wu

The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of the City of Boston
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

February 28, 2024

RE: Petition #134.87 - The Hutchinson Building, Boston

Dear Mayor Wu:

On February 27, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Hutchinson Building in downtown Boston as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

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The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Hutchinson Building in downtown Boston as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-2510 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Rosanne Foley
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

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According to the Landmarks Commission's statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they file the designation form with the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-2510 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Rosanne Foley
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

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