



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

January 23, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of Tremont Temple, Downtown Boston, MA, as a Landmark.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on January 10, 2023 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on January 23, 2023.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (February 22, 2023), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

cc Rosanne Foley, Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission



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

January 18, 2023

RE: Petition #101 - Tremont Temple, Downtown Boston

Dear Mayor Wu:

On January 10, 2023, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Tremont Temple in Downtown Boston as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

The Tremont Temple is historically significant at the local, state, and New England levels for its connections to the socially and religiously activist Tremont Temple Baptist Church; its strong and sustained associations with Boston's abolitionist movement; and with noteworthy literary, theatrical, and musical events.

The Tremont Temple is also architecturally significant as an unusual example of combined religious, theater, and business uses; and as a particularly fine example of the Second Renaissance Revival style on an ecclesiastical/commercial building in Boston. The Temple's architectural significance is also derived from its associations with Clarence Blackall, one of the country's most innovative and prolific architects in theater and commercial design. The building was constructed by a noted Boston contractor, L. P. Soule & Son.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Tremont Temple 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

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

PROPERTY: The Tremont Temple, 78-88 Tremont Street, Boston, MA

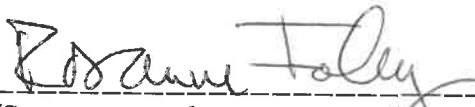
STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

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: **1/10/2023**

Attest:



(Secretary to the Commission)

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

JAN 20 2023

(Date)

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

Date approved: **1/23/2023**

Signature:



(Mayor)

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

FEB 08 2023

(Date)

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date approved: _____

Signature:

(City Clerk)

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

PROPERTY: The Tremont Temple, 78-88 Tremont Street, Boston, MA

VOTED: That on January 10, 2023, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates the Tremont Temple at 78-88 Tremont Street as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

David Berarducci	Richard Henderson	Justine Orlando
John Freeman	Felicia Jacques	Lynn Smiledge
Susan Goganian	Lindsey Mac-Jones	Brad Walker

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

Since it was completed in 1896, Tremont Temple has been in continuous use for religious purposes (worship, education, administration) with ancillary commercial uses (storefronts on the ground floor and offices on the third and the top two floors).

The Tremont Temple is historically significant at the local, state, and New England levels for its connections to the socially and religiously activist Tremont Temple Baptist Church; its strong and sustained associations with Boston's abolitionist movement; and with noteworthy literary, theatrical, and musical events.

The Tremont Temple is also architecturally significant as an unusual example of combined religious, theater, and business uses; and as a particularly fine example of the Second Renaissance Revival style on an ecclesiastical/commercial building in Boston. The Tremont Street façade is constructed principally of Indiana limestone and terra cotta blocks, lavishly trimmed with terra cotta ornamentation.

The Temple's architectural significance is also derived from its associations with Clarence Blackall, one of the country's most innovative and prolific architects in theater and commercial design. The building was constructed by a noted Boston contractor, L. P. Soule & Son.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 78-88 Tremont Street, Boston, parcel number 0304702001.