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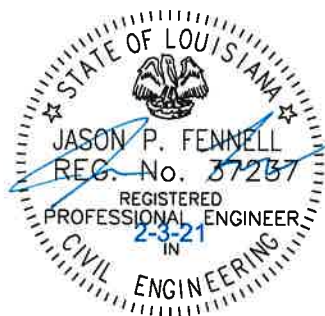
Re: **Hammond Urban Park – Monument Foundation**
Forte and Tablada Project 211013.01P

Mr. Dufreche:

On Monday, January 25 I met with you to review the existing monument located in downtown Hammond, LA. The monument is located in a small urban park near the corner of Railroad Ave. and W. Charles St.. The purpose of my site visit was to review the existing site as well as review the existing monument and monument support. After reviewing the monument, it appears that the monument is supported on a concrete slab covered with brick pavers, with the pavers extending under the monument location. While a portion of the plaza is exposed at the edge, the thickness of the concrete under the pavers is unknown. In reviewing the brick pavers there are settlement cracks present in the brick at the monument support. This could potentially indicate that the plaza is a uniform thickness with no footing under the monument, and that the monument has caused the center portion of the plaza slab to settle. I would recommend that the monument be removed by a company experienced in the disassembly and reassembly of monuments, the existing plaza be demolished, and the monument be reassembled on a new, more suitable, foundation. Should additional information become available or should the information in the material supplied to us change, we request the opportunity to evaluate any effect these changes may have on our analysis. It has been our pleasure to work with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Fennell, P.E.



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