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Landmarks Commission

Boston City Hall

1 City Hall Square, Room 709

Boston, MA 02201

Re: Application to Rebuild Front Stairs – 16 Worthington St, Boston MA, 02120 (Brigham Circle)

Dear Landmark Commission,

I respectfully request approval to rebuild the front stairs of my rental property at 16 Worthington St, Boston MA 02120 in a style consistent with the character of the Brigham Circle Landmark District. The proposed stairs will be constructed using light-colored natural stone, selected for safety, durability, and aesthetic compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood.

Due to structural concerns and safety risks, the original brickwork had to be carefully removed to evaluate the underlying condition. I regret that this step was taken prior to submitting the application and appreciate your understanding—it was done purely out of concern for public safety.

This is a minimal alteration that will not affect the building's form, footprint, or architectural details. The intent is not to introduce new design elements, but to rebuild using high-quality materials in the spirit of the historic environment. Given the variety of stair styles already present on the street—including plain brick, stone slabs, and marble—I believe the proposed light-toned stone is an appropriate and respectful choice.

I respectfully request that this application be considered for administrative review, as the scope of work is limited and does not introduce significant change to the historic character of the property or district.

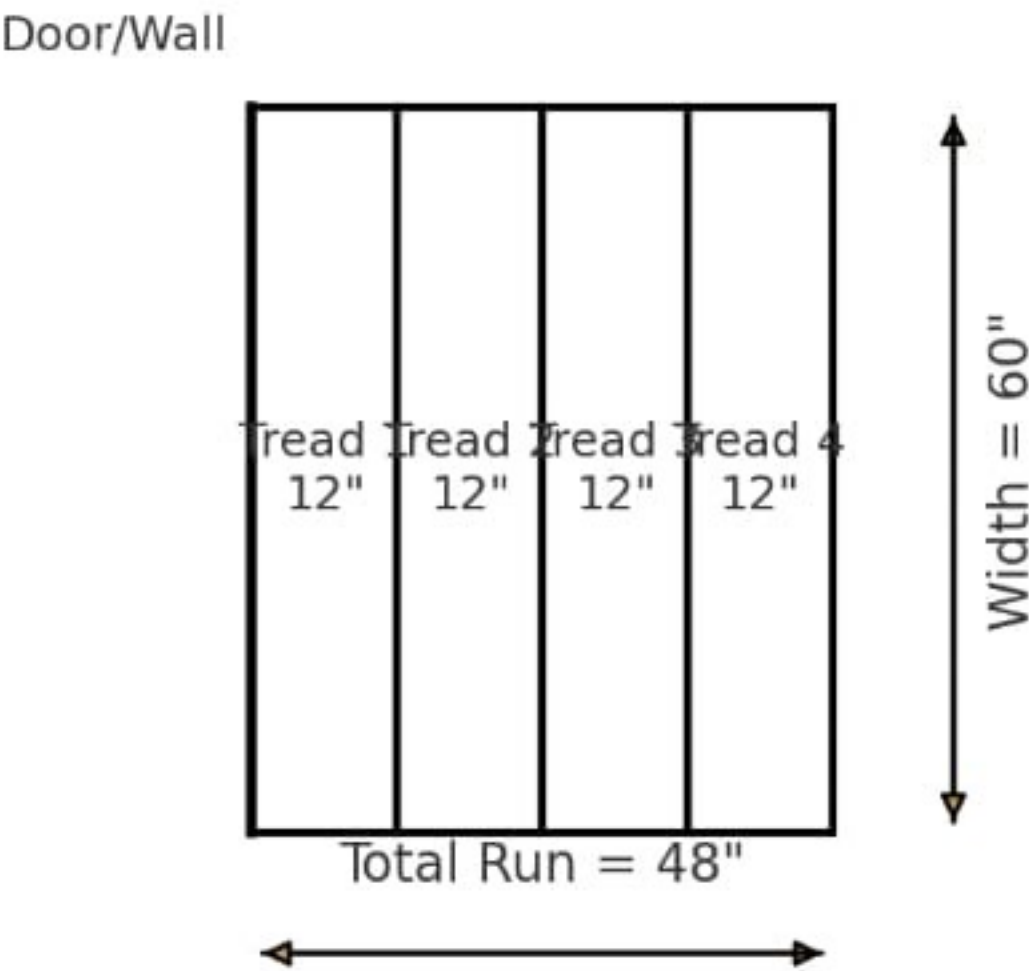
Should further materials be needed, I am happy to respond promptly. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Illigens", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ben Illigens

PLAN VIEW (Top-down)



SIDE ELEVATION (Section) — 4 risers @ 7.75"; 4 treads @ 12"

