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RE: Proposed Designation of Good Hope Baptist Church, 4209 South Smithfield Rd., Knightdale, Wake County.

Via email: groth@cappresinc.org

Dear Mr. Roth:

Thank you for submitting the report for Good Hope Baptist Church, 4209 South Smithfield Rd., Knightdale, Wake County. We have reviewed the information in the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-946.

The report describes the Good Hope Baptist Church as having special significance for its association with the African American community in Shotwell and eastern Wake County. The report also notes that the church is an excellent example of rural, post-World War II Gothic Revival architecture in Wake County.

We have made a few comments aimed at strengthening the boundary justification. With these additions, we feel the report will provide the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether the Good Hope Baptist Church possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to the property is subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, non-binding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed form to our office or a copy of the ordinance.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the Good Hope Baptist Church, 4209 South Smithfield Rd., Knightdale, Wake County. Please contact me at Kristi.brantley@dncr.nc.gov (preferred) or 919-814-6576 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Brantley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Kristi Brantley
Local Preservation Commissions/CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure