

In order to fulfill the required comment procedures, please complete the information below and the appropriate comment paragraph that is attached after you have reviewed the nomination. This information should be returned to:

Jeff Smith, National Register Coordinator

State Historic Preservation Office

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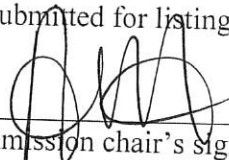
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4617

COMMENTS ARE DUE IN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE BY: **October 9, 2024**

1. Name of Certified Local Government: **City of Durham**
2. Name of CLG Commission: **Durham Historic Preservation Commission**
3. Property being reviewed for nomination: **St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church**
4. Please attach documentation of the measures taken to provide for public comment during the nomination review and a record of any comments received, as per your certification agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office.
5. In approving local governments for certification, the SHPO may have stipulated that the Commission obtain the services of professional historians, architectural historians, or archaeologists when reviewing National Register nominations if those disciplines are not represented in the Commission membership. If this stipulation applies to you, please note the name of the professional you consulted below and his/her appropriate field. If you have any questions about the applicability of this stipulation to your commission, contact Kristi Brantley, Certified Local Government Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office at 919.814.6576.

THE CLG COMMISSION SHOULD COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

A. We, the **Durham Historic Preservation Commission**, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for **St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church** and find that the property **meets** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We, therefore, **recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register.

 9.10.21

Commission chair's signature and date

B. We, the **Durham Historic Preservation Commission**, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for **St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church** and find that the property **does not meet** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We, therefore, **do not recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register. The reasons for our findings concerning this nomination are stated below (use additional sheet if necessary).

Commission chair's signature and date



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

We, the Durham Historic Preservation Commission, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church and find that the property meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. This building and its inhabitants have been central to the Fayetteville Street Corridor historic neighborhood and continues to be of vital importance to the spiritual and cultural vitality of the Hayti Community and Durham as a whole. We enthusiastically support the updates to this listing in the National Register to reflect both the monumental contribution of Richard Burton Fitzgerald to the built and economic development of Durham. It has been and continues to be a cornerstone for the Black community from the civil rights movement (despite the destruction of what was called “Urban Renewal”) through to its current day function as a stalwart designation signifying the impact of Durham’s Black history.