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VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: new construction, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico (SR# 260)

Dear Ms. Piesen:

Thank you for submitting the documentation and architectural analysis for the proposed undertaking; the construction of a new museum building to be located at 123 Grant Avenue in Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico. The location is within the Santa Fe Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) at the national level of significance. The New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office (NM SHPO) reviewed the proposed undertaking under the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended

I am writing in response to the additional building and landscape design information. Consultation on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to resolve adverse effects to archaeological resources is ongoing (HPD Log #121203). NM SHPO reviewed the architecture and landscape set of plans received by our office on December 8, 2023 (HPD Log #121294), and the Built Environment Analysis and supporting documentation received on March 5, 2024 (HPD Log #122016.)

Based on our review, NM SHPO finds that the proposed building and landscape design does not negatively affect the historic character of the NRHP-listed Santa Fe Historic District. The height, massing, setback, design, and materials are compatible with the historic district. The new design retains the residential lot spacing characteristic of Grant Avenue. The design also retains the essential spacing and individual distinction between the NRHP-listed Alfred M. Bergere House and the new museum.

Based on the information provided, NM SHPO concurs with the NEH finding that the design of the new museum and landscaping, as proposed, will have No Adverse Effect to the built environment of the Santa Fe Historic District. NM SHPO looks forward to continuing consultation on the above-referenced MOA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at <u>gretchen.brock@dca.nm.gov.</u>

Sincerely,

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Historian, Architectural Reviewer

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cc: Michelle Ensey, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer & State Archaeologist