

Wilmington, Delaware  
September 15, 2022

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Sponsor:

Council  
Member  
Darby

**WHEREAS**, the Gibraltar Mansion, located at 2505 Pennsylvania Avenue, was built in the 1840s by John Rodney Brinckle. In 1909, the approximately 80-acre estate was purchased by the Sharp family; and

**WHEREAS**, following the death of Hugh Sharp, Jr., ownership of the property was transferred to Preservation Delaware Inc. In 1998, the estate was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since that time, a conservation easement agreement was put into place to regulate the maintenance of the Gibraltar estate into perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been numerous attempts to preserve and maintain the Mansion, its accompanying land, and structures throughout the past decades. Financial investment in the restoration of the Gibraltar estate by the City of Wilmington and the State of Delaware should not be pursued at this time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Legislative body is opposed to the dedication of City of Wilmington or State of Delaware funds to the restoration of the Gibraltar estate at present.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Legislative body is not in favor of the appropriation of funding to the Gibraltar Mansion, its accompanying land, and structures by the City of Wilmington or through State bonds at this time.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution opposes the appropriation of funding to the Gibraltar Mansion, its accompanying land, and structures by the City of Wilmington or through State bonds at this time.