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SOAR STATEMENT ON FORMER PRENTICE HOSPITAL

SOAR is not in favor of a request to pursue landmark designation for the former Prentice Hospital building at 333 East Superior Street in Streeterville. We do acknowledge the significance of the building as an excellent example of the body of work by internationally acclaimed architect Bertrand Goldberg, and we recognize a minority opinion among SOAR's leadership and membership at large for preserving the structure.

However, we stand by our position as expressed in SOAR's "Streeterville Neighborhood Plan" of 2005, whereby a decision was made to omit 333 East Superior from the list of buildings that we supported for landmark designation. We understand that the property owner intends to proceed with their application for a demolition permit.

Prior to any demolition work, we call on Northwestern University to work cooperatively with Alderman Brendan Reilly and SOAR to design an acceptable, temporary use for the cleared site that will provide interim benefits to the neighborhood.