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November 20, 2012

Senator Bob Bacon Capital Development Committee State Capitol Building Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Senator Bacon:

On September 5, 2012, the Capital Development Committee (CDC) approved a proposal from the Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee) concerning the permanent gift from the Armenians of Colorado of a replica Armenian khachkar for placement in the northeast quadrant of the State Capitol grounds in the existing Armenian memorial garden. The CDC unanimously approved the advisory committee's proposal concerning the acceptance of the gift of a replica khachkar contingent upon review of the final design and plaque language selected by the advisory committee. The Armenian Garden, originally approved and constructed in 1982, has been damaged by the ongoing geothermal project, and will be restored once the geothermal project is complete in spring 2013.

On November 16, 2012, the advisory committee approved a design for the Armenian Garden. The approved design is attached. The advisory committee approved the design contingent upon the following design modifications:

- the height of the khachkar will not exceed five feet, excluding the base footing;
- the khachkar will be placed at a 45 degree angle to the walls of the Capitol;
- the pavers on the finished paths (with the exception of the "broken" path) should be in a regular pattern, similar to the existing pavers on the east side of the Capitol, to facilitate accessibility; and
- consideration should be given to including a foot path to the garden from the existing sidewalk to the east stairs of the Capitol, and to lighting the garden from above.

Additionally, the advisory committee asked the building architect to consult with Colorado State Patrol before the CDC considers the approved design to see if any modifications are necessary to improve security. The advisory committee also requested that Capitol Complex and the Armenians of Colorado seek to develop a letter of agreement regarding future responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the garden. A plaque explaining the significance of the khachkar was included in

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the design considered by the advisory committee. The advisory committee will make a recommendation to the CDC regarding the plaque once it approves the proposed language.

In order to move this project forward in a timely manner, and so as to finish the garden renovations before the conclusion of the geothermal project in June 2013, we request that the Capital Development Committee consider and approve the garden design. On behalf of the Capitol Building Advisory Committee, thank you for your consideration of this proposed design, and throughout the process of accepting this gift.

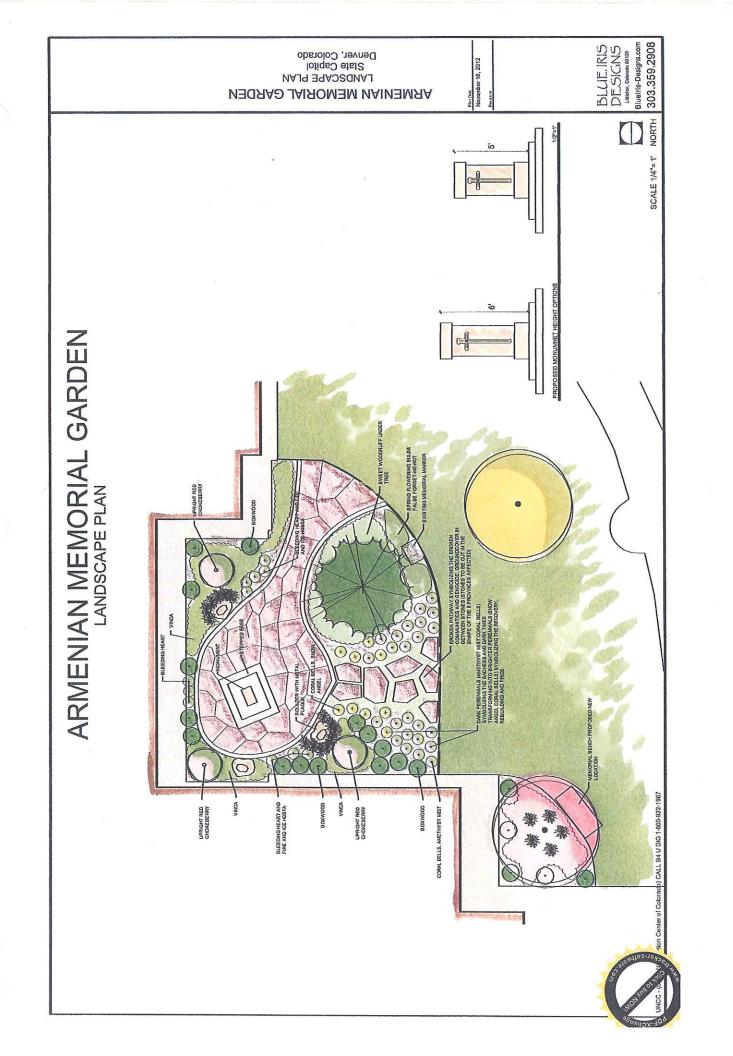
Sincerely,

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Acting Chair, Capitol Building Advisory Committee

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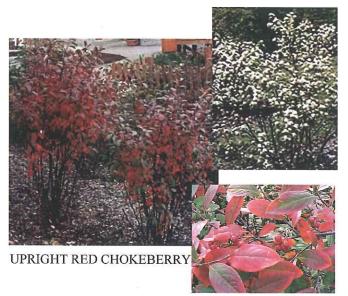
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