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Community: New Bedford

## CLG OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received:		Date Due:		Date Reviewed:	
Type:	Individual	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	District (attach map indicating boundaries)	No
Property Name	Allen Charette Bldg. / Capitol Theater			MHC Inv Form #:	NBE.2829
Prop. Address	1418-1440 Acushnet Avenue				

Action	Honor	Yes/No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ITC	Yes/No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant	Yes/No	NO
	CLGC initiated	YES					Other	City of New Bedford	

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES		DISTRICTS	
Eligible	Yes	Eligible	
Eligible, also in a district		Ineligible	
Eligible only in a district		More Information Needed	
Ineligible			
More Information Needed			

CRITERIA:	A-Yes	B-No	C-Yes	D-No
LEVEL:	Local-Yes	State-No	National-No	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by:	Anne Louro
(Refer to criteria cited above in statement of significance. If more information is needed, use space to describe what is needed to finish eligibility opinion)	
<p>The Strand Theater building meets criterion A for its historical association with and contribution to the rapid development of the Acushnet Avenue commercial corridor that took place at the turn of the twentieth century. The development occurred in response to the spread of textile mills and the subsequent exploding population of mill workers in the North End of New Bedford, Massachusetts. As several mills opened to the north of the old city, hundreds of houses were built along the intersecting streets of Acushnet Avenue and hundreds of businesses opened and developed in turn along Acushnet Avenue to provide services and entertainment to the growing population.</p>	
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MHC STAFF OPINION			
Date Received:	12/11/18	Date Reviewed:	12/7/18
Opinion:	Concur	Disagree	More Information Needed
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<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Continued</b>
<p>The Capitol Theater building also meets criterion A for its historical association with the growth and development of the entertainment industry over the twentieth century. It contributed to the explosion of movie house establishments in New Bedford during the first quarter of the twentieth century, a development that was mirrored in cities across the country.</p> <p>Additionally, the Capitol Theater building is significant under criterion A for its historical associations with the ethnically diverse population of the North End. Its store and office tenants, many of them long-term, included Franco-Canadian immigrants, Greek immigrants, and Russian Jewish immigrants.</p> <p>The Capitol Theater building meets criterion C as a representation of a mixed-use American commercial style building. It is also significant as one of the few surviving theater buildings in New Bedford. While over fifteen theaters opened in the city during the first quarter of the twentieth century, the Capitol Theater building is one of only five surviving theater buildings in the city, and one of only two located in the North End. Furthermore, it is the only surviving example of its size, scale, and architectural style in New Bedford. The Capital Theatre interior has undergone alterations, but retains much of its architectural detail, including the stage proscenium.</p>