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Dear Client/Contact:

Since our establishment in 1979, our work at Cho Benn Holback + Associates (CBH+A) has focused on creating a strong sense of community through architecture. This is reflected in our strengths in urban revitalization, and distinctive, forward-thinking design for both renovation and new construction projects. Whether designing a school or neighborhood residential project, a major new campus addition for a college or university, or an exciting new building for the arts, our design concepts begin with the challenges and opportunities presented by the proposed use and surrounding context and become catalysts that respect, renew, and transform communities.

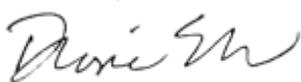
Today, we are excited to announce our own transformation, as we join the acclaimed firm of Quinn Evans Architects (QEA), effective May 1, under the name: Cho Benn Holback, a Quinn Evans Company. We are extremely pleased to combine our portfolios and add our talented staff of 30 to Quinn Evans's four other offices in Washington, DC, and the Midwest to create a staff of more than 140.

This represents a strong step forward, creating new opportunities with shared resources, expertise, and geographic reach that add depth in key market areas. Our firms are strikingly similar in terms of services, market expertise, and most importantly, our values and philosophy of design. The strong cultural fit between the two firms, work processes, commitment to clients, and long-term aspirations are major factors in joining forces.

Like Cho Benn Holback, Quinn Evans Architects shares an exceptional portfolio in cultural, civic, educational, and urban infill projects. Both firms have completed a number of theater, museum, and library projects. CBH+A adds a strong portfolio in multifamily residential projects. QEA is well known nationally for its work in historic preservation, while CBH+A also has a large number of restoration and adaptive use projects to its credit. Both firms have worked extensively for the Smithsonian Institution.

As founding principals, we will each continue to lead the Baltimore office along with our outstanding second generation principals: Mark Nook, Brian Oster, Anath Ranon, and Brandon Schultz. We will continue to operate in Baltimore and our staff will remain in place, with no changes anticipated to any of our projects. As always, we will continue to deliver the highest quality of design and service.

Sincerely,



Diane Cho, AIA
Principal



David Benn, AIA
Principal



George Holback, AIA
Principal