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The Speaker's House

The National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to clarify its position in regard to statements that have been made concerning the building at **#9 Mary Street, Jackson Square District, St. Clair**. The Jackson Square District was designated by the Town and Country Planning Division several years ago in recognition of its 'old world' residential nature; its location just behind the *Magnificent Seven* and the impressive Samaan and Royal Palm trees throughout the District. Even though not all of the buildings are over 100 years old, the newer properties have maintained the architectural styles and densities of the neighbourhood.

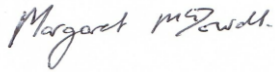
The National Trust wishes to note that the District's potential role for the creation of a zone associated with the *Magnificent Seven* could translate into additional residential activity, embassies, restaurants, museums and art galleries— all economic activity associated with a Heritage District.

The House at **#9 Mary Street** fits very well into that plan and especially as it belongs to the State can be used as a catalyst for development of the area. The House has been renovated at least twice in recent times and has been inspected by the Historical Unit of the Ministry of Works and Transport and found it to be in good condition.

The building has been on the National Trust's List of Properties of Interest for many years and we are confident that the renewed interest in this building will encourage the State Agency who has jurisdiction over the property to consider all of the options for development of the site while preserving this small architectural and historical gem.

The National Trust stands ready to assist in any way to ensure that this building and the District achieve its true potential. Interested persons can visit the National Trust's website at www.nationaltrust.tt and our facebook page to obtain information on all identified properties of interest and to post ideas and comments.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret McDowall".

Margaret McDowall
Chairman, National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago