

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

September 19, 2016

<u>Via E-Mail</u> David Thompson Chief Financial Officer CIM Commercial Trust Corporation 17950 Preston Road, Suite 600 Dallas, TX 75252

Re: CIM Commercial Trust Corporation Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 Filed March 15, 2016 File No. 1-13610

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kristi Marrone

Kristi Marrone Staff Accountant Office of Real Estate and Commodities