



## The Detroit Area Art Deco Society

City Council  
City of Ann Arbor  
301 E. Huron Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Dear Councilmembers,

The Detroit Area Art Deco Society is a nonprofit organization with an interest in the preservation of architecture of the first half of the 20th Century. We include Mid-Century Modern architecture in our area of interest – and with that we are concerned about the future of George B. Brigham Family Home and Architectural Studio at 515/517 Oxford Road.

George B. Brigham was essential in bringing Modern design to Ann Arbor, which owes much of its architectural significance to his influence. The home represents not only an example of his work, but also has the added significance of being his place of residence. The current owner's plans to alter the property into group housing would harm the historic, aesthetic, and design integrity of the house, hinder its National Register of Historic Places eligibility, and mar the artistic intent of the architect.

The Detroit Area Art Deco Society feels that the Brigham Home is a significant modernist structure, and has played a historically significant role in the 20th century history of Ann Arbor. We join A2 Modern, Michigan Modern and Docomomo in asking that you reconsider Dan Pampreen's rezoning request at the City Council meeting scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, and help preserve one of the neighborhood's and the city's architectural assets and a landmark in its cultural landscape.

Sincerely,

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