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To: Thacher, Jill

Subject: 418 S. First Street Project

Dear Ms. Thatcher,

I am writing to convey our support for the proposed garage / studio at 418 S. First Street. Margaret Wong, the property owner, is also an Avalon Board member and has communicated freely with us about this project from inception.

We understand that the new structure will be located very close to the property line with one of our apartment buildings at 426 S. First, and this does not present us with any problems. In fact, we welcome the visible portion of the trellis as a significant improvement over the existing wood fence (which was present when we purchased the building in 2006). The difference in grade between the two properties helps ensure this structure will not negatively impact our property or grounds.

The quality of our buildings and grounds is very important to Avalon and our tenants, and our property management approach has long included beautification projects through landscaping and gardening. Once established, the proposed structure and planting of climbing plants will be an additional enhancement to the overall look of the area.

I would be happy to discuss this further if you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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