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To: Thacher, Jill

Subject: Support for Approval of Solar Panels: 418 S. First Street

Dear Ms. Thacher and Historic District Commissioners,

I appreciate the work of Historic District Commissioners in helping to preserve the character and quality of our city's historic resources. In addition to preserving the overall appeal of historic neighborhoods, I believe that property values have been retained by the requirements and oversight of proposed changes to structures.

As a resident of Ann Arbor's Old West Side for over 20 years, I was pleased to see the petition before you, requesting a permit to install solar panels on a structure to be built within the Old West Side Historic District at 418 First Street. Installation of solar panels and other non-fossil fuel alternative energy resources will support the long-term viability of buildings in our neighborhood. The proposal indicates that the panels will be on a south-facing roof, and will have minimal visibility from the street view. Given that the Commission has approved the studio structure that will be built at 418 First Street, I strongly support your adding approval for solar panels as part of the project.

I encourage your ongoing support of projects such as this, as being relevant today, and far into the future.

With best regards,

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