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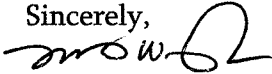
Dear City Council Members,

We emphatically oppose the razing of the seven historic Germantown homes located on Fifth Avenue just south of the library. Making the downtown area of Ann Arbor into an all modern building and residential area will make it much less attractive as a tourist area, such as we witnessed last week during the Art Fair, when the majority of people one spoke to had come from other cities across the nation to our Art Fair. They aren't coming to see a city that looks just like their city! Please, we must preserve our distinctive character in the form of our historic buildings.

My husband came to Ann Arbor at the age of ten, 49 years ago. I came to Ann Arbor 34 years ago. We don't want our city to look like carbon copies of other cities that are now suburbs of Detroit.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Mark and Judy Wenzel