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To: Planning
Subject: Jesuits' petition

My name is Ann Marie Kotre. I live at 114 Grandview Drive in Ann Arbor. I am writing in support of the Jesuits' petition to receive a special exception use permit for 1919 Wayne St., which they have under sales contract. I have known the Jesuits for ten years & believe they would not only be excellent neighbors but also continue to contribute to the well being of Ann Arbor as they have for the past ten years. In fact, I would welcome them as neighbors here on the west side if only we had a 7-bedroom house to offer them.

I attended the last Planning Commission meeting at which the proposal was first presented & recommended for approval by Planning staff. Their research into the requirements of the ordinance that allows an exception for a "functional family" & how the AA Jesuit Community fits that definition was impeccable. In addition, the City attorney had thoroughly vetted the proposal & recommended approval in light of specific court case(s). However, because only seven commissioners, including the chairperson, were present, it failed in a 5-2 vote. Apparently, the commissioners decided afterward to reconsider the proposal & to place it on the agenda for the June 17th meeting. Unfortunately, two of the commissioners who were present at the June 3rd meeting cannot be present on June 17 (two others were absent June 3rd). It seems to me, if 6 votes are required to pass such a proposal, the Jesuits' proposal could be doomed if all commissioners are not present. This seems totally unfair. May I suggest that a poll be taken of the commissioners' availability & a date chosen when a full panel can be in attendance to hear about & vote on the specifics of this very important matter. The sellers are relocating to China on July 5 & cannot afford to have this issue tabled & left unresolved indefinitely.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote in favor of the Jesuits' petition!

Ann Marie Kotre