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Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 11:29 AM  
To: Planning; Petersen, Sally; Lumm, Jane  
Cc: Prue Heikkinen; Briere, Sabra; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Elizabeth Papp Kamali  
Subject: Jesuit's petition for functional family status for 1919 Wayne Street

Dear City Planning Commissioners,

As a 16 year resident and homeowner in Ward 2 and a near neighbor (2012 Day st) of the 1919 Wayne residence, I am writing in support of the Jesuit's petition to be granted a special exception as a functional family for this residence. I am not Catholic and do not feel my personal beliefs have any role to play in my support. My support is based on my opinion that they meet the criteria that the city has set forth for the definition of a functional family. I also think they will be good neighbors, based on what I have heard from other neighbors and friends who know this group personally and know how they behave as neighbors and how they maintain their current residence. I also am satisfied with the responses that they have given to the questions that have arisen over logistical concerns such as parking.

I moved into this neighborhood for its proximity to the University and downtown and enjoy being relatively close to the various community and university organizations associated with it. I value a diverse residential neighborhood with residents from a variety of family types, faiths and backgrounds. I think that having the Jesuits in the neighborhood will be in keeping with this.

I understand that the Oxbridge neighborhood association is opposed to this exception, mostly because they are concerned that it will pave the way for other functional family exceptions that may be less desirable neighbors. I trust that the planning commission will uphold a high standard for these exceptions and only grant them for groups that truly function as a family. While I enjoy my proximity to the University I do have objections to the noise level, trash, and poor upkeep of many of the student organizations living nearby and consequently would be very much opposed to any exceptions granted for these groups. I don't think any of this will be an issue for the Jesuits though.

I hope that you will give fair considerations to their proposal.

Sincerely,

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