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Subject: 1005 and 1015 Newport Road

I strongly support the request to allow a 10 foot variance from the required minimum lot width of 70 feet so that this property can be divided into two parcels. I understand the owner plans to demolish the existing buildings and construct two new houses there, which I also strongly support.

I have lived at 1056 Newport since 1984, and in Ann Arbor since 1973. I have served on the ZBA and on the City Planning Commission, and as an elected Trustee on the Ann Arbor District Library Board (12 years), and I served on the group that advised the City on revisions to the West Area Plan.

I support the request because:

a)These new lots would be similar or identical to many lots to the west and north; and to the one immediately south

b)These lots are deeper than those of identical width in the area.

c)Two new houses would be a significant improvement to the existing buildings.

d)The request meets the standards in the City ordinance.

Please be sure members of ZBA receive this email as soon as possible. I regret that I probably cannot attend the meeting in person.

Sincerely, Margaret A. Leary 1056 Newport Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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