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Thank you for your comments on the Preliminary Ingalls House Study Committee Report, which will be shared with the Study Committee and City Council. If you have any questions, more information is available at [www.a2gov.org/hdc](http://www.a2gov.org/hdc) or feel free to contact me anytime.

Best,  
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To: Ann Arbor Historic Commission. I am in strong support of the research and opinion that finds Ingalls House to be of historical importance: not just the house but also the formal gardens were one of a kind and professionally landscaped by leading landscape architects. I spent time informing myself and researching Ingalls House at the time I wrote the thorough letter below, which I ask to be added to the public comment that has been solicited, as reported in the Ann Arbor News on Sunday August 20, 2017. I am unable to attend the public hearing on September 26 at 5:30 p, as I am out of state on that date. Please add my comments to the minutes of this hearing.

When history is lost it cannot be reclaimed, This is way more than a house: it is a signature event space that has hosted the great and talented of the world as they have lent their imprint on the members of the University and the citizens of Ann Arbor. That so many of the great guests at Ingalls House shared their talents with the "town" as well as "the gown" should be an excellent reason for the City of Ann Arbor to claim rights to Ingalls house on behalf of its citizens. The residents of the City of Ann Arbor have also been benefactors of the gifts of the great men and women who have graced Ingalls House. It is part of the history of the City of Ann Arbor. Who knows which of its citizens were inspired by the words or gifts of these great people, to go on to great things in their own lives. This patrimony belongs to the City as well as its residents, and I comment the broad thinking of the people involved with the City who have recognized that Ingalls house is part of the City's heritage as well as the University's and have urged the City to take "ownership" of its rights in this regard. Good for the City of Ann Arbor.

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Don't allow the sale of Ingalls House. The sale of Ingalls House is the sale of Michigan's patrimony. If you go forward with this decision, in the short sighted pursuit of funds, you will be selling history that is not yours to sell.

Ingalls House belongs to Michigan in its 3rd century. It is part of its history and has a right and responsibility to be continue as a part of its 3rd century. Ask Anne Duderstadt and read the Duderstadt's "For the Love of Michigan," their tribute to their 50 years of dedication and service to Michigan. It was a mission of Anne Duderstadt to preserve and restore Ingalls House: which she proudly did. She accounts for this with pride as part of her contribution to Michigan's history.

Ingalls House WAS the gem of Michigan's 2nd century. It was the home away from home for a parade of distinguished visiting dignitaries. If you were a Nobel winner, Pulitzer winner, foreign dignitary, distinguished professor, statesman, famous artist, playwright, poet, breakthrough scientist, mathematician, entrepreneur, pioneer of industry, distinguished guest--every important dignitary that graced Michigan's lecture halls, assemblies, convocations, symposiums, etc. stayed at Ingalls House. Their DNA remains in the gardens, floorboards, bedrooms and halls of Ingalls House. This is where they all came to rest and refresh. This was the jewel of accommodation that Michigan bestowed on its best and brightest visitors in its 2nd century.

The Ann Arbor News (and the community buzz) always knew when important people were in town and in residence at Ingalls House. A friend had the privilege of serving as hostess to keep visitors pampered and comfortable. She considered it the highest honor to be a behind the scenes part of the Ingalls House experience.

Now for the scold. First, please be up front with the community about what you 9 regents are about to irrevocably change on behalf of the community of Ann Arbor--Ingalls House is part of the City's history too. Dignitaries often participated in community events while in town, as well as gown. Second, be up front with the alumni and the alumni association--in the newsletter--about what you 9 regents are about to irrevocably change on behalf of Michigan and its 3 centuries of alumni. Let the alumni weigh in on whether it is fair, reasonable and just to cash in Ingalls House for some coin. Third, why not compile a list of all of the dignitaries that graced Ingalls House and let them know about what you 9 regents are about to do. Why not call for their opinion. Fourth, contact every living former regent and president (and stick it to Anne Duderstadt who made Ingalls House a part of her personal legacy)---and tell them about what the 9 regents are about to irrevocably do. History for sale to the highest bidder. Fifth, be transparent and ups front about this sale in the publicity and celebration of Michigan's 3rd century festivities. "Hooray!!! In honor of Michigan's 3rd Century In honor of Michigan's 3rd Century, we are selling a priceless treasure of Michigan history, we the regents of the University of Michigan proudly announce the sale of Ingalls house!!!! Sixth,ask yourself if each of YOU INDIVIDUALLY has the right to change Michigan history in such a profound way: You were elected but you do not have this right to take actions that effect so many people without their consensus. This is a usurpation of your powers and position. If I

knew the Duderstadt's e-mail, I would include them.

For the Love of Michigan, keep and treasure Ingalls House and let it be part of Michigan's living legacy into its 3rd century.

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