

On Mon, May 12, 2014 at 11:56 AM, Paolo Pasquariello <ppasquar@umich.edu> wrote:

Dear members of the Ann Arbor Planning Commission,

As a resident in the Oxbridge portion of Ann Arbor Hills (Berkshire) I want to express to you my dissent toward the proposal to allow the potential buyers of 1919 Wayne the status of "functional family."

The definition of functional family, as set by the city of Ann Arbor, seems to clearly and unequivocally exclude the possibility that "a group of Jesuits working at St. Mary's Student Parish and/or pursuing studies at the University of Michigan" [as read in the applicants' proposal] may be recognized as such. Thus, I truly hope that you will uphold the statute and deny their application.

I am not stating this lightly. I do not object to the religious nature of this group; in fact, I am a practicing catholic myself. However, the nature of Ann Arbor Hills will be irrevocably changed, certainly for the worse, once the city allows any group affiliated (even loosely) to the university to establish their headquarters on a single-family residential area. Once you approve the application from 1919 Wayne, I would not be surprised to see other organizations at the UM to call themselves 'family' and thereby advocate for student and staff group housing in areas that have been designated as single-family residential.

Thanks in advance for your time and attention,

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