

Subject: Schmidt Zoning Support for 3050 Lakeview Drive

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To whom it may concern,

My husband, Andy, and I would like to pledge our support to the Schmidt family with their home addition for 3050 Lakeview Dr.

Mike and Melissa have anchored themselves in the Ann Arbor community and are looking to create their forever home as a young growing family. Melissa has worked for Ann Arbor public schools for nearly two decades and Mike owns and operates a local business as a property manager. The Schmidt family are also fantastic neighbors, always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor in need whether if it's with snow removal or cutting down tree branches.

While the homes off of our alley are beautiful and charming with great character, they do not offer a lot of space and are not always functional for growing families. An addition will allow their family to continue to grow and thrive in our community. The entryway into the home is dangerous for young kids. The Schmidt family uses their side entry door as their main entryway which has a tiny landing with stairs up and down, making it challenging to conduct activities of daily living like putting shoes on and off, gearing up the kids for school, etc. Unfortunately, the limited space in the entry way has cause their young children to fall down the stairs on more than one occasion.

The Schmidt's will not be the only family that benefits from the new addition as garage. While this will allow Mike and Melissa to park their cars in the garage, everyone living down the alley will benefit from this new garage build. Public works vehicles that use our alley weekly (recycling, garbage, and compost) and seasonally (snow plows, alley leveling truck) will have better sight lines of the alley and be able to more easily navigate the tight alley space.

Overall it looks as if the new structure is simply replacing and improving a functional living space while maintaining architecture and will not cause any disturbances to surrounding neighbors. Furthermore, the front of the house will remain the same from the street. As we plan to expand our family, we look forward to our kids growing up with another young family so close!

We are alley-neighbors and would be in favor of such variance for 3050 Lakeview.

Sincerely,
Kate Kloss and Andy Cipa
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