

From: Katie Stannard
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:02 AM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Public hearing for ZBA 18-023; 2104 Winchell Drive

Dear Ann Arbor Zoning Board of Appeals,

We are writing in support of the above-noted case for Mrs. Nancy Blow's request for a setback variance in order to construct a new front porch.

We believe her request for a variance should be granted, for a number of reasons:

1. The setback and porch would not impede sight-lines for the neighbors on either side of her property—to the east, there is a stand of arborvitae that already block the view; to the west, the neighbors' front windows face to the north, and therefore wouldn't be impacted by the proposed porch.
2. We believe the porch would be a nice addition to Mrs. Blow's property, and therefore to the neighborhood as well.
3. In the 18 years we've lived in this neighborhood, in every single circumstance that we can think of, the property improvements undertaken by neighbors have always been positive enhancements to their properties, and to the overall neighborhood as well.
4. Along with sidewalks, trees, and well-maintained properties, front porches contribute to neighborhood community-building by encouraging interaction.
5. Mrs. Blow is a longtime, active resident of the neighborhood and has thoughtfully considered this proposed porch construction and its impact for her as well as the neighborhood community.

It is our hope that you will carefully consider Mrs. Blow's request and grant the variance request.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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