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Letter of Support for Variance Request – 1795 Sheridan Drive

From: Sara Adar**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 3:31 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>**Subject:** Letter of Support for Variance Request – 1795 Sheridan Drive

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing in support of my neighbors' request for a variance at 1795 Sheridan Drive (ZBA25-0035) to allow a 6-foot, 100% opaque fence along the portion of their property facing Washtenaw Avenue. The practical difficulties prompting this request are unique to their property, which sits near the large intersection where Stadium Boulevard feeds into Washtenaw Avenue. This location is characterized by unusually high traffic volume, congestion, and collisions compared with other residential areas in Ann Arbor.

This corridor experiences very high traffic levels (estimated AADT of 27,675 for 2025) and a 45 mph speed limit, which is one of the highest for any residential corridor in the city. These conditions create a uniquely hazardous environment, especially for a household with young children. A taller, opaque fence would meaningfully improve safety by creating a barrier that is far more difficult for children to climb. It will also reduce noise levels for the property, an environmental hazard which can influence sleep and cardiovascular health.

Importantly, granting this variance will not negatively affect neighboring properties. The proposed fence primarily faces Washtenaw Avenue, across from County Farm Park, and it does not obstruct traffic visibility. Additionally, existing and planned landscaping will further reduce the visibility of the fence over time for the community.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the Board to approve the requested variance.

Sincerely,

Sara Adar, Ann Arbor Hills Resident