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Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 8:39 PM

To: Barrett, Jon <JBarrett@a2gov.org>;

Subject: Comment on ZBA17-026 710 Taylor Street: positive comments from neighbor

Dear Jon Barrett and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals: My husband, Wil Strickland (in the cc:) and I are very positive about the plans we have seen related to the proposed 2 variances for the Vandermarks at 710 Taylor Street. We encourage the Zoning Board to grant the variances.

I purchased our historic home (built in 1886) in 1991 - and have lived here ever since. It is at 1622 Pontiac Trail, the corner of Taylor and Pontiac Trail, so we are only one home away from 710 Taylor. The thoughtful yet contemporary addition proposed by the Vandermark's enhances our beloved neighborhood. In my opinion, our Northside neighborhood is desirable precisely due to the range of housing stock and the individuality of the expansion / addition projects over the past century. Let the tradition continue!

Our neighborhood has a number of corner lots with acute and obtuse property corners set by the non-perpendicular street intersections (ours is one, as is 710 Taylor). These angles make meeting setbacks especially challenging when one orients a proposed structure to be parallel to one street rather than the other. Variances are the sensible way to go - and the proposed amounts at 710 Taylor (all under 36") are inconsequential to my sense of the neighborhood's personality.

Please take our note as one of strong encouragement to grant the proposed variances.

With respect,

David Michener
Wil Strickland