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Subject: Sigrid Letter - 317 S Division

Hi,

My name is Sigrid Harary. I am 89 years old and I been living at 521 E Ann Street for many, many decades. I got deep ties to this block. Over the years I owned both 603 E Ann and 331 E Ann, which I sold to Ryan Pantaleo some years back. We had them for so long, it was hard to let go, but now I'm glad I did. I also knew the longtime owner of 511 E Ann, Widd Schmidt, very well.

I'll be honest, I regret letting some of these Ann Street houses get so run down when I had them. But truth is, Ryan was the right person to step in. His work at 603, 331, and Widd's old house at 511 has been nothing short of amazing. I thought for sure 511 was gonna get torn down — it was abandoned for years and years. When I couldn't take care of 603 anymore, the cops were getting called there and I had trouble finding the right tenants, especially at my age. Ryan turned it all around. He brought back the charm, fixed things up proper, and made the block look nice again. Paul Dunlap over at 602 E Ann was even thinking about selling his house until Ryan fixed up 603 across the street. I feel a little bad about how things looked before, but I just couldn't keep up. Now, I'm proud to live next to these houses.

He has sent his maintenance people over to my house to help me and even kept a tree at 603 that was important to my daughter as it reminded her of her childhood. It was practically dead but Ryan found a way to bring it back to life too.

Recently, Ryan came over to show me his plans for 317 S Division. I hear he's going to present them to the HDC soon. I was never a customer of the Mail Shoppe, but I know it, and I think what he's planning will be just as careful and respectful as what he's done here on Ann Street. That place needs a lot of work, same as my old houses did and it's one of the smallest places on the block, which is a shame.

At my age I've seen a lot of changes in this downtown neighborhood. Some good, some not so good. But Ryan's projects, well, they stand out as the good kind. The kind that makes the place better, not worse. I support his plans for 317 S Division all the way and I hope the Commission let him go ahead with it. Thank you for your consideration.

Sigrid