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To: Amy Lacy; Joe Culp; Jason Plunkett; Josh Garrett; Brad Burk
Subject: I support the Conservation District

Council President Plunket, Council Vice President Burke, Councilor Culp, Councilor Garrett, and Municipal Relations Coordinator Lacy,

I support the creation of a commission to define the Conservation District. I've always loved old homes and have vivid memories of watching This Old House with my parents every Saturday morning as a child and now watch it occasionally with my kids. My wife and I, and now our two children, have lived in our old home at 310 N 5th St, built in 1900, since 2008. When we moved in the home hadn't been occupied for 2 years and needed a lot of work. We've lovingly restored and improved the home over the last 14 years, doing many projects our selves. We found out after buying the home that another offer had fallen through before ours because the people making the offer wanted to demolish it and build a new home. I'm so grateful to the former owners for turning down that offer because that gave us our opportunity to own an old home that is part of this unique and special community.

It is unfortunate that a vocal minority in the community are either misinformed or are intentionally sharing false information about the purpose of this movement to turn neighbors against a noble goal of preserving the unique character of the remaining old homes in the Village. I attended one of the first information sessions at the Hussey-Mayfield Library back in 2019, before the pandemic even started. This movement has taken a thoughtful and inclusive approach to this proposal and being informed since early on I know that the intention is not to micromanaging every change to homes in the Village or tell people what they can or can't do to their home. As stated from the very beginning, there is no intention of limiting changes to the interior or exterior of existing homes, short of demolition. My only concern, and I believe the intention of the proposed Conservation District, is to prevent the further demolition of old and historic homes in the Village, which has been happening at an alarming rate over the last few years. I support the creation of a commission to define the Conservation District because I hope that when we and our neighbors each decide it is time to sell our old homes, that actual historic homes still exist to pass along to others who want to own an old home, and to keep the unique character of this community in tact.

Thank you for your consideration,
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