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To: Town Council Email Group
Cc: Emily Styron; Julie Johns-Cole; Wayne DeLong; Amy Lacy
Subject: Protecting Zionsville Village and it's Homeowners

Dear Town Council members,

I've followed the ordinances for the Preservation Committee, Historic Preservation and now Conservation District with a sunset clause and seen the goal posts move with each iteration. As the owner of a historic home in the Village I do not want any of these added layers of regulation.

Our historic home will always be maintained lovingly, without need for commission oversight. We love the charm and diversity of Zionsville and will continue to actively protect our home, the Village, and our community.

Please hone in on the flashpoint bothering the majority in favor of a Conservation District: teardowns.

I ask you to consider the creation of a stand alone ordinance to review teardowns. This is obviously an emotional concern at meetings, but implementing a commission whose reach extends broadly to unrelated homes is not the most effective response.

I ask that the council wait for the updated Zoning Ordinance, which could also directly address concerns. The proposed Historic Preservation commission puts overreach in the hands of a few and is not needed in our thriving Village, especially with Zoning updates pending.

Finally, every Village homeowner should be allowed a vote prior to creating a commission. It's not right to usher the Historic Preservation Ordinance in when the community largely expects the status quo of property rights as usual. Please DO NOT GIVE AWAY PROPERTY RIGHTS under homeowners' noses without their votes.

Zionsville homeowners ARE invested in protecting the Village's character. We wouldn't live here if we didn't seek to actively honor and contribute to its past, present and future as a diverse community. Thank you very much for your time, service and consideration.

Sincerely,

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