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Dear Council,

I am opposed to the passing of the ordinance establishing a committee that is tasked with the authority to propose historic or conservation districts in Zionsville. The purpose appears to be to protect small homes from being demolished in favor of building towering McMansions and I believe the proper avenue for that kind of regulation is through appropriate zoning and fewer zoning variances. I am firmly in favor of the property rights of owners, and the establishment of rules governing properties in any potential historic district has the distinct likelihood of diminishing the rights of owners of smaller homes. Proponents appear to be tired of their views being encroached by large homes, but this is not a reason to restrict the rights of surrounding homeowners. It's unfortunate, but this is the origin of the phrase "own your view."

I do not believe this ordinance is the right way to address the concerns of the crowd that wants to keep small homes. And those who truly do want to protect their historic homes are able to do currently for property they own—should they desire to restrict what happens to their own home now and in the future, nothing is stopping that! They merely want to restrict what others can do with their property..... which was purchased without those restrictions.... restrictions.... many times because there were no restrictions. The village is one of the very few places in Zionsville with no HOA or covenants and that is a reason many village owners chose the village.

I respectfully urge you to oppose the ordinance and consider other ways to achieve a diverse, rich village without restricting property owners' rights in their own property.

Thank you,
Marcia Rosenfeld