

Heldenfels, Leane

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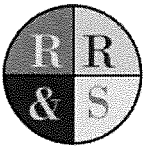
**From:** Chris Shannon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2015 11:52 AM  
**To:** Heldenfels, Leane  
**Subject:** 1701 W. 31st

Leane,

I recently received a notice from the City of Austin that 1701 W. 31<sup>st</sup> will come before the C of A panel for approval of remodeling. The owners, Ted and Meredith Jarrett, have shared their plans with me, and I am comfortable with them. In addition, I believe their remodeled house will enhance the value and beauty of the neighborhood.

The build is consistent with many of the other houses in the immediate area and I would expect the city to allow them to proceed as originally proposed. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns

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Ms. Leane Heldenfels  
Planning and Development Review, City of Austin  
Attn: Members of the Board of Adjustment

Re: Support for Variance at 1701 W. 31st St.

Dear Ms. Heldenfels:

My wife and I are immediate neighbors of Ted and Meredith Jarrett in Brykerwoods. Though our address is 3006 Glenview, our back yard fronts Jefferson, and looks right across the street at the Jarretts' house.

**We wholeheartedly support** the Jarretts' application for a variance to complete the construction of their house. Having just completed a construction project ourselves (we moved back in to our house just last week), we are familiar with the challenges of navigating the city's permit process, and have discussed both our triumphs and frustrations with Ted and Meredith countless times over the last several months.

We know the Jarretts took great care to make sure that they designed a home consistent with the architectural style of the neighborhood, and are excited to see the finished product, which will greet us every day as we pull out of our driveway and head to work. But we are more excited to get Ted and Meredith back into the neighborhood so our children can become friends.

On the technical side, we've discussed and confirmed with the Jarretts that their home has been built exactly to the specifications that the city approved under the original remodel permit, and that it sits on the original foundation as it was constructed nearly 70 years ago. It is unfortunate that the Jarretts are even in this situation. Had they not discovered wood rot and a broken floor joist during their construction, none of this would even be necessary. This rare and unusual set of facts, combined with the fact that the proposed variance actually allows the Jarretts to keep their home consistent with the original structure, make a variance appropriate in this case.

Finally, not granting a variance to the Jarretts would be terrible for our neighborhood. That would mean delaying construction of a great, fitting home even longer, which at best will still cost the Jarretts thousands of dollars and leave a partially constructed building standing lifeless for an indeterminate amount of months. At worst, the Jarretts could be forced to abandon their home, leaving our neighborhood for somewhere that will accommodate them. Besides losing great neighbors, they would leave behind a safety hazard for our children that can only be fixed by more

construction, with more noise, trash, and more disruption to the area. And there would be no guarantees that whatever new owner steps in would go to any efforts like those the Jarretts have undertaken over the last several months.

Beyond being the best thing for the Jarretts, a variance to let them complete their work is the best thing for the entire neighborhood, even those of our neighbors who may not realize it.

Thank you for your work to keep this city the wonderful, inclusive place that makes it so great.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chase C. Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chase" being the most prominent.

Chase C. Hamilton