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Board of Adjustment
Austin, Texas

To whom it may concern,

I have been asked to write a letter of character for my neighbor Steve Rison (1507 Fairfield Dr.). I have known Steve since he moved into the neighborhood in 1984. He is, without doubt, an exceptional neighbor and Austinite.

While living here for a very short time, he took it upon himself to get Neighborhood Watch. He led the process by contacting residents, ensuring that attendance requirements were met, paying for and installing the sign, and making sure everyone felt safe and secure. He has been a very stable and delightful part of our neighborhood.

Knowing Steve all these years, I feel it is not in his nature to try to abuse rules or regulations. His main purpose is to make his home and surroundings inviting. He really is the ambassador for our little area. He introduces himself to people moving in and makes them feel welcome. He offers suggestions and helpful hints to new residents. Steve is a very positive and cheerful person. It is not his purpose to cause problems for anyone or anything. He only wants what is best for everyone and Austin.

I respect Steve and cannot say enough nice things about him. He is truly a very caring and lovely person. I hope that all these concerns can be addressed and solved. Steve is a charming sole and respected by many. The building in question is quite quaint and it would be sad if it had to be removed. It is the inspiration for many conversations and enjoyable evenings. I cannot imagine the benefit if it were removed – it is a part of our neighborhood and our history.

If you would like to talk to me or have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 512-453-6884.

Cordially,

Linda Teague
Fellow Austinite

To Whom It May Concern:

Steve has been our neighbor since we moved to the Wooten in 2013. He has been a part of this neighborhood far longer than most. He was the first person to welcome us here and has always had an open invitation to all the neighbors for his gatherings.

For the most part, our neighbors have a "live and let live" philosophy towards each other. Steve has always been supportive to the changes we have made to our own home, from complimenting our new paint colors to commiserating over the loss of our last shade tree due to disease. Having lived next door to him for 6 years, we can attest to the fact that his frequent social gatherings have never been a nuisance.

While we only have limited information concerning what brought about the issue at hand, it seems that a small handful of people in the neighborhood have taken to utilizing the city's Code Enforcement to harass their neighbors. We have also been on the receiving end of an unnecessary visit from Code Enforcement that could have been resolved by a simple conversation. Other neighbors have shared similar stories on our neighborhood group in recent months.

It is downright shameful to have resulted in this situation. Steve's property, like himself, is unique, a bit weird, and part of what makes living in Austin wonderful. The structure at the back of his property has been standing for nearly 20 years and has yet to be a problem for anyone.

Sincerely,

Austin and Jaimie Schweiger

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