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Dear Amber Allen,

I am writing to the Historic Landmark Commission regarding case number GF 23-013752 on the agenda for the March 1, 2023 hearing. I live at 509 Harris Avenue, three doors down from the property.

I strongly oppose the demolition of the buildings on this property. The building is at the gateway to our neighborhood, compatible with neighborhood architecture and is across the street on both sides to buildings with historic architecture and landmark status. In its current use as five rental units it contributes to affordable housing. Our neighborhood is dense with single family homes, duplexes and garage apartments.

If it were to be demolished, five resident people or families would lose their homes and probably be unable to find affordable housing. The cost of demolition and rebuilding would ensure that the new housing would be very expensive. If it were replaced by the currently fashionable sleek gray, black and white "metro " style, it would be a blight to the character of our community.

I support helping the owner to have the five units grandfathered so that they can obtain permits to do needed repairs. Certainly there is a creative way to make this a win for the owner, his tenants and the neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

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