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And another for backup.

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Hello Commissioners,

I would like to communicate my strong opposition to the demolition of the structure at 701 Sparks Avenue. My family originally owned and subdivided the land creating the Harris Park Addition Subdivision in 1924. Since that time, my family has had a presence in this neighborhood and on this street as my great grandfather built the family home at 707 Sparks Avenue and my grandfather later built his home at 705 Sparks Avenue, immediately adjacent to the subject property.

This house has had a long-standing presence in this community and stands out with unique and eclectic design that maintains a great deal of architectural integrity at a prominent corner. By destroying this property our neighborhood will lose parts of its history that we can never get back. As a family who helped create this neighborhood and has lived here for multiple generations, we are keen on preserving its character so that it may be enjoyed by future generations.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Burton
[redacted]

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