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Debra Andreades, Senior Planner, Planning and Building Services Department
City of Lake Oswego
380 'A' Avenue
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

RE: Application of John Benjamin Chessar
File No.: LU 120005

Dear Debra Andreades:

We are writing in enthusiastic support of Ben and Emily Chessar's proposed remodeling project for the following reasons:


- They have presented an attractive and historically sensitive plan which will enhance their structure and the surrounding property;
- The project will seamlessly incorporate necessary modern updates which will extend useful life to an historically significant structure;
- It will have no or limited impact on the neighborhood as the proposed addition is in the center of a large lot.

We feel especially qualified to comment on this project as our home is located next door to the Chessar's on an adjoining lot on 1219 Maple Street. Our two homes have been linked since their addition to the neighborhood about 80-years ago when they were completed by mutual friends. Since that time, our home has been significantly remodeled to meet new family demands and infrastructure upgrades including a recent 2006 expansion of a secondary dwelling unit (SDU) to house an aging family member. We well understand the need for change.

My wife and I have occupied the home next door to the Chessar's for the past 20 years. We will be one of approximately three (3) neighbors on adjoining properties who will observe the construction and enjoy the visual aspects of the finished result. The Chessar's have been extremely forthcoming and have shared their project ideas with us from the onset. We have every expectation that they will do a beautiful job, maintain the integrity of their historical home, and add value to our community.

We strongly support the notion that families living in historical structures be permitted to make appropriate updates to their homes having made similar improvements to our own home in the past. We fully support this application without reservation.

Sincerely,



Thomas and Elizabeth Brennan
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