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Debra Andreades, Senior Planner, Planning and Building Services Department
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RE: Application of John Benjamin Chessar: File No.: LU 120005

Dear Debra Andreades:

I am repeating my written support for Ben and Emily Chessar's proposed remodeling project which first came before the DRC on March 19, 2012. At that time, the Chessar's thorough project preparations had already far exceeded most typical remodeling preparations. The fact that this home is a unique structure in Lake Oswego with significant historical value makes a good case for this additional care in planning.

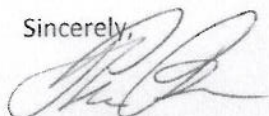
I have lived next door to the Chessar home for almost 20 years, and I have resided in numerous Oregon communities, my adopted home, for over 40 years. When I relocated from the East Coast in the early 1970's, one of my main recollections was just how **new** towns and buildings appeared. Coming from a harbor village founded in the mid-1600's, I was at first amazed to find that buildings less than 100 years-old were even considered for special historical treatment.

Over time, my view of what constitutes historical significance has matured, and I have developed a more nuanced understanding of how towns evolve and maintain their historical identity. The City of Lake Oswego has done an admirable job in selecting and preserving town features which add depth to our shared history. I have also learned that preservation does not dictate that objects should remain frozen in amber. This is particularly true as it applies to homes which provide real living conditions for real families. I therefore support the proposed remodeling project the Chessar's have proposed without reservation for the following reasons:

- The overall expansion and improvements protect the vision of the original structure and enhance the future physical integrity of the home,
- The necessary updates will extend the useful life of the structure as a lived-in family home,
- Our surrounding neighborhood will gain the future benefits from the continued presence of a Sundeleaf home for at least the next 80 years.

Finally, I believe that the Chessar's have been abundantly attentive to meeting and exceeding the City's requirements for remodeling an historical structure, a daunting task. In an extremely thorough and lengthy review process, City staff, HRAB, and other contributing reviewers have already recommended approval for this project. I strongly urge the DRC to join those recommendations by granting approval.

Sincerely,



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