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Dear Ms. Andreades:

I am writing this letter regarding File No. LU 12-005, major alteration to address 1125 Maple Street. I will not be able to attend the public hearing on Monday, 3/19/12, as I have prior obligations.

My house abuts this property on the south side (16042 Cornell Street). In recent years, I have witnessed large homes being built in my immediate area and often times eclipsing existing homes and impacting those properties in negative ways. For instance, the house directly to the south of my property looms over my house, and when built, the property was substantially changed by riprap being brought in and causing drainage pressure and erosion on my property. The house directly across from this house also looms over the smaller cottage directly to the north. Both homes are under ten years old and have had more than two owners. My point here is that many of these homeowners are transient, and while a realtor would argue they are improving the overall worth of the area; they are leaving behind issues that often diminish the adjacent homeowner's value or amenities, such as view, light, privacy, etc. This feels a bit like financial cleansing - more moderate homes and owners sacrificed for the more monied homes and owners.

With the major alteration, I will lose my view of Oswego Lake - a calming slice of the lake - which I see directly through my living room window. While my house sits on a small bluff over 1125 Maple Street, my elevation is not enough to overcome the obstacle of an eastern addition.

In 1991, the property in question was added to the National Register of Historic Places and is a Sundeleaf home (I'm sure I'm stating the obvious here). Prior owners were stewards of the property, enhancing gardens and maintaining with fidelity, the architectural features of the building. At 3,857 square feet, it is a

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substantial presence on the property, but fits well within the neighborhood. The add-on will also certainly impact the woods and other flora in on the property.

In summary, I object to the addition as it impacts my property negatively (obstructing the view). I also question why a prospective homeowner would purchase a house if it does not meet their needs but is a historical site, that should be preserved.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to email me at: mobethutz@gmail.com.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,

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