

Dear Mr. Sadowsky,

Although historic designation of 2201 East 22<sup>nd</sup> is an honor I am completely against the designation. My grandparents have been deceased collectively for over five decades. They lived there lives in such a way that having a material vessel such as a house to be a shrine to their humanitarian efforts would be a mockery to their legacy. The house was solely for shelter and equity not a as monument that generations from now will just walk by. The house has no historical architectural value as it is not a Frank Lloyd Wright structure or other notable architect. Additionally this is not a historic Church, school, or other building that was government owned but is a private dwelling. Thus, since it is private why should a public entity have a say so in private matters, especially since the family is completely against the designation. So my question to you and the commission is what is the impetus behind this sudden urge to create a historical landmark/designation?

I understand the age of the dwelling must be taken into consideration. But the dwelling was not built from the ground up but moved from another location and bought from previous owners. I understand that there is a chance to have an \$8,000 tax exemption. This exemption would have been wonderful to know of while my grandmother was living as she was on a fixed income. Further the emption would have greatly helped my mother and brother in maintaining the house. I understand that my grandparents' works helped to improve the lives of many African Americans. However, in the same vein, they were hard workers that wanted their works to speak for themselves and detested pomp circumstances which this designation would certainly become if made. They would prefer to have actual

work done for the community than have a house sitting idle with a tax exemption that contributes absolutely nothing to the surrounding community. Naming a Recreation center or park after my grandparents and using the proposed tax exemption money to directly impact and support the community would be a much better way to honor their legacy. Further, we were never notified of the proposal which at first and final blush is very strange given that many would consider this an honor. So it does make me wonder what the true reason for such a sudden push of historic designation because this is not for the benefit of the family or the community.

I am opposed to the historic designation of [2201 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street](#).

Thank your consideration in this matter.

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