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Kim,

I'm sorry I couldn't write this on a separate sheet and sign it, but obviously my mom's sudden passing has changed my plans dramatically this week. My mind needs a distraction so I thought I would take my layover to write this note on behalf. I hope it is allowed to be submitted as written in email format. Please feel free to forward, print and share as needed.

Hugs,
Angie

City of Austin Representatives,

My name is Angie Bealko and I live at 4302 North Hills Drive with my husband Gary Huels and two children.

For nearly six years we have lived across from the property that was recently purchased by Kim and Matt Schocket.

During that time I've walked by it's cold carport front and difficult owner nearly every day. Over the years our neighbors have struggled with the owner disrespectfully throwing parties, letting her dogs poop on our streets, snapping at neighbors and renting her home as a short term rental on HomeAway and AirBnB. The rental status brought many illegal fraternity parties and other activities that caused noise nuisances, public urination and damage. We were all greatly relieved when the house finally was put up for sale.

Unfortunately, its structure makes it challenging for anyone but a single person or

couple to live in. The rising prices in our desirable neighborhood make it impossible for anyone to purchase this property for a family unless it is allowed to be remodeled. When the Schocket family purchased this property that was their intent...and one that was warmly welcomed by our neighbors. The last thing any of us want is for this property to become a permanent short term rental.

But the Schocket's purchase is more than just a blessing for our street. It's a blessing for our community.

We moved to this neighborhood because of families like the Schocket's...who give their time, passion and energy to volunteering as a Doss elementary library chair, coaching Northwest Little league baseball, leading the Dell Jewish Community Center campaign for more family-friendly feature expansion, judging science fair, copying worksheets for teachers, chaperoning field trips, and more. Beyond the time they give, they are also generous supporters of our public schools, sponsoring Doss every year. Their gifts give our diverse community of refugees, mixed-income and multi-lingual students countless educational, cultural and community-building experiences they would otherwise not have in such depth or breadth. They do all of the while raising their two children and both working full-time.

They represent what a neighborhood should be first and foremost...a loving community of friends who support each other to make everyone's lives better.

We don't need a house with no reasonable livable family space to be preserved simply because the original architect or his representatives feels it is important to do so, and we certainly don't need it in Northwest Hills where historic preservation is unnecessary and dare I say a frivolous waste of time and city resources.

There are numerous other reasons to rule in favor of the Schocket's from personal property rights to disclosure law precedent, but I ask you look beyond those obvious reasons and simply let them proceed because of the amazing neighbors, friends and committed citizens they are.

If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Angie Bealko