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May 22, 2024

To: Denver Landmark Preservation Commission

landmark@denvergov.org

Subject: 5086 Vrain St Landmark Designation Application

Dear Commission Members:

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors (BRUN, a Registered Neighborhood Organization) has reviewed the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission Individual Structure Landmark Designation Application prepared for the property at 5086 Vrain St, Denver. This application was submitted by Jeanne and Jeff Laws, the current owners of the property (since 2004).

This property meets four (three required) of the landmark significance criteria:

- It has a direct association with a significant historic event or with the historical development of the city, state, or nation;
- It has direct and substantial association with a recognized person or group of persons who had influence on society;
- It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;
- It promotes understanding and appreciation of the urban environment by means of distinctive physical characteristics or rarity.

We note that the Laws are only the third owner of the property in 100 years. While they have undertaken extensive renovations and repairs over 20 years, the work has been complementary to the original construction and has not been detrimental to the significance and integrity of the property. Indeed, after the damaging hailstorm of 2017, the original interlocking Spanish roof tiles (originally produced by the Heinz Company) were replaced with matching antique Heinz tiles.

This property is a significant contributor to the history and character of the Berkeley Regis neighborhood, we wholly support the preservation of this unique property and the Landmark designation of 5086 Vrain St.

Sincerely,

Scott Danenhauer
President

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors

Cc: CW Amanda Sandoval, District One
Jeff Laws

From: [James Schrant](#)
To: [Landmark - Community Planning and Development](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments: 5086 Vrain St.
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:10:27 PM

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June 11, 2024

Members of the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission,

We are writing this email to express our favorable opinion of the application for landmark designation for the property owned by Jeff and Jeanne Laws at 5086 Vrain Street.

Members of our family have lived adjacent and nearby the Kunsmiller property for over 120 years. We, Jim and Sandy Schrant, have lived at 5036 Utica Street for 54 years. One of us, Jim, has lived there and grew up at 5051 Utica Street where his grandparents lived, which is adjacent to the Kunsmiller property.

It was Jim's grandfather, Lewis Bliss Shelby, who worked originally for John Brisben Walker and the Denver Land and Security Company. He sold the six and a half lots to Adolf Kunsmiller. He also facilitated the donation of property to Regis University.

Jim's grandmother, Vera Shelby along with Dorothea Kunsmiller, was a founding member of both the Denver Garden Club and the Arvada Garden Club. She spent many hours discussing the plans for the yard and gardens with the Kunsmillers.

We knew the Kunsmillers well and feel that this property should be preserved as a landmark. The Laws have been terrific stewards of this property and they should be saluted for their efforts to preserve it for future generations.

It is paramount that this style of architecture and the large expanse of property filled with trees and garden be preserved in this time as society moves toward a different style of life with smaller yards and lot sizes.

This preservation is doubly important since it is situated next to a city owned public golf course where it can be appreciated by many members of the community.

Please give this application your utmost attention and we implore you to vote in favor of the designation of 5086 Vrain Street as a Denver Landmark.

Thank you for your time and efforts in preserving the soul of Denver.

Sincerely,

Jim and Sandy Schrant

5036 Utica Street

303 433-9063

From: [Landmark - Community Planning and Development](#)
To: [Dierschow, Becca - CPD City Planner Senior](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] 5086 Vrain St.
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 10:14:33 AM

From: Cristie Drumm <crisdrumm1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 11:39 AM
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June 16, 2024

Dear Preservation Committee members:

We are writing to you to express our support for the landmark designation sought by Jeff and Jeanne Laws at 5086 Vrain St.

We can think of no other home/property that exemplifies the best of Denver's history than this one. Since they've owned the home, Jeff and Jeanne have been committed to maintaining its integrity and historic value.

5086 Vrain is a treasure in our neighborhood and we hope you will honor its rich tradition by approving this application.

Sincerely,

Cristie Drumm (303-947-7928) and Marv Greiner (303-877-1735)
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Denver, CO 80212