

Honorable Denver City Council Members

Denver City and County Building

1437 Bannock St #451

Denver CO 80202

Dear Honorable members of Denver City Council:

As a long time resident of NW Denver for the past 41 years I am writing in reference to the hearing this evening for the 1889 Hoyt Residence located at 2849 West 23rd Ave Denver, CO. It was the home of Denver born architects Merrill and Burnham Hoyt. History shows the home's connection to the sons of the first owners. Merrill and Burnham Hoyt became architects — the latter designing Red Rocks Amphitheater in the 1930s and Denver's original central library building (now the north wing) in the 1950s, among other notable structures.

I am sorry that I am unable to attend the hearing tonight as there is another important community meeting that I must attend. If I were able to be there I would hold up my brown book "Rediscovering NW Denver" by Ruth Wieburg that has markers on the pages of possible older homes that might have been significant to be landmarked but have been either denied Landmark by City Council or just bulldozed and all the bricks and significant architectural pieces taken to the landfill. I have shown you this book many times during hearings.

I found the statements by current District One Councilman Espinoza to be quite fitting and true in the Denver Post article by Jon Murray 11/19/2016. "We have a social compact: When you live in Denver, you live under the Denver Revised Municipal Code."

“ He and Annie Levinsky, executive director of the nonprofit advocacy group Historic Denver, said developers often discount the opportunity to incorporate a preserved building into a development by building around it, which still would allow them to profit.”

“The city’s law “provides a balance in which the community has an opportunity to engage in a conversation about a property,” Levinsky said, adding: “This one is one of the strongest cases (for preservation) we’ve seen, compared to the last few cases.”

"It’s important to a city and the history of us as Denverites to have those touchstones back to our past.” This really pertains to the Jefferson Park neighborhood and this home directly across the street from Jefferson Park. Most of that neighborhood has been scraped and redeveloped into duplexes, multifamily and apartments. Please VOTE TO PRESERVE and LANDMARK 2849 W 23rd Ave. for future generations to be able to admire and know the history of the neighborhood.

I respectfully thank you for your time in reading this letter,

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