Dear Denver City Council,

An iconic, historic, formative part of our community in the West Highlands is in danger of being lost forever; **I am writing to seek your support in our neighborhood-wide initiative to protect and preserve the Lambourns' View House** (located at 5115 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue) – and with it, our entire neighborhood's quality of life.

As Denver continues its rapid and exciting growth, we must be smart with the inevitable and promising development opportunities that confront our mature communities. This house, the Lambourns' View House, is a veritable anchor of the West Highlands and serves to demarcate, identify, and define our neighborhood; likewise, the residents and businesses of our neighborhood identify and define ourselves with it. It is already undisputedly our neighborhood's landmark and deserves to be formally designated as such so that it can continue to remain an orienting feature – geographically, temporally, and emotionally, reflecting the critical balance between modern and historical – as swift transition and change take place so many other places in our neighborhood and Denver as a whole.

While we are definitely respectful and cognizant of the owner's property rights, they are certainly not sacred – especially in comparison to the property rights of our community and, indeed, my own property rights and the individual property rights of my neighbors. We are a diverse neighborhood, from longtime residents (35 years and more) to new residents (just a month), young and old, of varied classes, ethnicities, and backgrounds. We moved here precisely because West Highlands nestled history in with modern living; much of that history has already evaporated and the same fate should certainly not befall the neighborhood's most prominent and recognizable example, the Lambourns' View House.

The number of neighbors who have supported this application throughout this vetting process, with their time, money, effort, and dedication is truly noteworthy and speaks volume about the importance this house, this history, has to the greater community of West Highlands. Now, we ask your vote to help us save the most incredible part of our neighborhood's history and preserve this anchor of our community.

Sincerely,

Daniel Findlay 2924 Zenobia St Denver, CO 80212

Dear Denver City Council,

I am writing regarding the Historic Landmark Designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Ave. I ask for your support to help save this important historic home in our neighborhood.

My wife and I live at 2930 Zenobia St., which is across the street and 1 house over from the Lambourns' View House. When I moved into this neighborhood 12 years ago after living in other parts of Denver, one of the things I liked the most was the diversity of the types of homes that surrounded me. From 1940's ranches and bungalows to turn of the century Denver Squares, it just had a great feel with old trees, hills, and a large percentage of neighbors that had lived there a long time. The history and the character of the West Highlands neighborhood had been well preserved and this area felt like a hidden treasure at the western entry port of Denver.

Not only does this Denver Square home have architectural significance, as identified by the Landmark Preservation Commission, but it is truly a landmark in our neighborhood. When you enter Denver via 29th Ave, this is the first home you see. It's a reminder of the early days of Denver, sitting much higher than everything else with some of the best views in the entire area. For many of us, when you see this landmark it's how you know you're home. For all of us, it's an ongoing example of where the city began and how our current neighborhoods were shaped.

As we sit on our front porch, we are lucky to be able to look at such a historic & peaceful setting so close to the craziness of the busy and booming city. Everyone notices this home, and it's appreciated greatly. We've been anxiously awaiting the right owner to give it some love and bring it back into it's glory. I've been inside the home, and the potential is there for it to be amazing!

I understand the difficult position which you are in during this era of significant growth and development in our city. I hope that you'll see that allowing the demolition of this home is not responsible development, and contributes to ruining the character of our community. We cannot continue to allow the icons of our neighborhoods be sacrificed in the name of progress. Please help us save this historic home and retain our neighborhood's character and history.

Sincerely,

Tim Yeomans

2930 Zenobia St. 80212

November 15, 2015

Denver City Council Members
Denver City & County Building
1437 Bannock Street
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Denver City Council,

As a 31-year resident of my home at 2940 Zenobia Street, I am writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue.

Over the years I have lived in north Denver that home has been a dominant visual landmark on my street and in my neighborhood. In fact, this home has been a visual landmark in North Denver for almost 100 years. It was designed by noted architect Richard Phillips with an iconic varied level stairway and has magnificent views of downtown, Sloan's Lake and Pikes Peak. It is an elegant Denver Square style home standing high on a hill at the beginning of my street. It is a stellar example of early Denver architecture and the development of this great Highlands neighborhood. In addition, the Lambourns' View House stands as a testament to the "Carnation Gold Rush" when commercial flower growing was big business in Denver.

This remarkable home should persevere in this age of rapid neighborhood transitions as a reminder of earlier generations of people who came to north Denver for the view, the water, the air, the opportunities, and colorful people they met here. Let this not be a fatal decision to disregard history and what is a magnificent architectural structure in Northwest Denver. Having lived my adult life here, I am filled with fierce community pride similar to the hard-working middle class who wanted the best for their families and came to Highlands in the late 1800's.

I deeply value the old and historic in this diverse section of the city. Let there be genuine intention in preserving this unique piece of history.

Sincerely,

Sharon Prairie 2940 Zenobia Street Denver, CO 80212

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

I am writing to encourage you to designate the Lambourns' View House, located at 5115 W. 29th Avenue, as a historic landmark in our historical City of Denver.

This historical home is located at the corner of W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Zenobia Street in the residential neighborhood considered "West Highalnds" or, more recently, "SloHi". This home, the big white house on the hill, has been my landmark for knowing I'm home since I purchased my home 7 years ago. I live four doors to the north of the historic Lambourns' View House. I moved to this neighborhood for its single family homes which clearly have a pride of ownership and its close proximity to downtown Denver. I knew I wanted to be in this neighborhood because of the family friendly streets and other single family homes on this block. I would never have to worry about not being able to park in front of my own home. My children would be able to play with their friends in my front yard without fear of cars speeding up and down our street. I knew this neighborhood was for me and I knew this was where I wanted my children to grow up, up the street from the big white house on the hill.

Having spent some time inside the Lambourns' View House, the history it holds is undeniable. This Denver Square is truly unique and its hilltop placement is unparalleled in all of Denver. To allow such a piece of history with so much character and so much historical value be destroyed would be a tragedy. The Landmark Preservation Committee has recommended this property for historical designation. It is for this reason your designation of a historic landmark is critical. You must stop the destruction of the Lambourns' View House. You must designate the Lambourns' View House a historic landmark and preserve the history of Denver.

Sincerely,
Bouran Mourch

Barbara Marcus

2951 Zenobia Street

November 16, 2015

Denver City Council Members Denver City & County Building 1437 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80202

Dear Denver City Council:

I am writing this letter to request that you please support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 West 29th Avenue.

I am fortunate to have lived here for 10 years. I walk past the Lambourn House every time I go for a walk around Sloan's Lake. I always find it stately, intriguing, and a gentle reminder of the beauty, tranquility and history of this neighborhood.

I feel this house deserves protection, not only for its historical value, but to retain sanctity and respect for Denver. Please do not allow yet another cheap, tacky and boxy apartment building to be built that will undoubtedly NOT withstand the test of time. The Lambourne House has proved itself to be worthy of this honor. What does Denver want to say about it itself? To retain such a dignified structure is a statement of sanity in the craziness and lack of quality so present in our world today.

Respectfully,

Melanie Keyes

2990 Zenobia Street

November 17, 2015

Denver City Council Members Denver City and County Building 1437 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80202

**Dear Denver City Council:** 

I am writing to you today, to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

I am a resident of the northwest Denver community and have lived in this neighborhood for eight years. I understand the need for responsible development, however this house is a historic symbol for our community and should not be destroyed. The Lambourn View House is a highly visible landmark that showcases the sophisticated architecture of an era 98 years ago.

The Lambourn View House deserves to be protected for our community. For me, this historic house represents endurance and strength. Every day I walk out of my home and look down the street toward this awe-inspiring landscape. By demolishing this house you will be removing a symbol that inspires your constituents and makes us proud to be part of this community.

In closing, I am grateful for your support to keep this significant neighborhood icon alive. I deeply trust in your integrity to honor this genuine piece of history and allow it to continue to inspire all us (neighbors, friends, family and visitors).

Respectfully,

Kevin Bickel

2620 Zenobia Street

Dear Denver City Council,

I am writing to request your support for the historic landmark designation. This house is currently designated as the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue'

I am a member of a women's service organization group that helps maintain historic preservation, patriotism and education. As part of a women's group that is especially interested in preservation this is a significant preservation. There are especially few sites in this area that shows the past. Children of the future will not see homes of past generations, all they will see are the square million dollar boxes that are popping up all over this quaint city neighborhood. I would actually not be able to afford to live in this neighborhood now; it is losing its unique charm, and affordability. I moved here because of the charm of this area.

This house needs preservation. It is an iconic representation of the past. The home demonstrates not each house has to be scraped. It is in Denver City, in the North West where there are very few homes of this nature. There is a historical aspect of the home due to the carnation gold rush, structure and location. Who knew! All this history may be shared with future generations.

Sincerely, Sonja Roybal Sonja Roybal 2965 Zenobia St Denver CO 80212

Dear Denver City Council,

I am writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue. This structure is important to our city.

I am a Colorado Native, and growing up I used landmarks places to determine where we were. I knew the White house on the corner meant we were close the family owned Mexican restaurant we would eat at. While I think it's important to grow, and for people to update our city, I also feel that you can do that while keeping Historical buildings alive.

Many cities have looked to Denver and our Historical preservation commission to incorporate history in their growth. Thousands have flocked to Union Station, and not because of the bars or restaurants inside. It's because of the beautiful structure, the history and the stories that come with it. I have lived in Colorado my whole life, I have lived specifically in this neighborhood for four years and I love the history my neighborhood has.

This structure tells me I'm home, it stands high on an unmatched hill as a symbol of our community, it has great views of downtown and Sloan's Lake and Pikes Peak as well.

Sincerely,

Shannon Stortz 2904 Yates St. Denver, CO 80212

Dear Denver City Council,

I am writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue.

I have lived at 4001 W 30<sup>th</sup> Ave for 30 years. For all of these years I have driven past the Lambourne House on my way in and out of the neighborhood toward the west. Each time I have felt honored to have such a landmark as a gateway to my neighborhood. It is an integral part of the character of West Highland, the place I love so much, and you must not allow it to be thrown into a landfill.

The Lambourne House is a testbook candidate for the protection of Denver's Landmark Preservation Ordinance: it stands high on an unmatched hill as a symbol of our community; it is an elegant "Denver Square" with a unique corner entrance by a master Denver architect; and it connects us to the "Carnation Goldrush" that was so important to this part of Denver's history.

Our community has not sought landmark designation for this property because, like perfectly ripe tomatoes in the middle of summer, it was being well used and loved until now. However, the development pressures facing West Highland loom now like the first frost and threaten this structure, so we must preserve it, just as we would those ripe tomatoes, so we can enjoy them even after the snow falls.

Sincerely,

Carla Huston 4001 W 30<sup>th</sup> Ave Denver, CO 80212 November 19, 2015

Denver City Council Members Denver City & County Building 1437 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80202

Dear Denver City Council,

I am writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue. I care about this special house on the hill that marks our past and serves as a landmark for our neighborhood. We do not need more apartments, condos and high rises in this area. It is important to retain historic structures in our older neighborhoods because they are architecturally important. There are too many older homes being razed and replaced with non-descript contemporary houses in this area. This house deserves protection -- it stands high on an unmatched hill as a symbol of our community, with great views of downtown and Sloan's Lake and Pikes Peak. It has elegant "Denver Square" architecture with a unique corner entrance by a master Denver architect, which connects us to the "Carnation Goldrush" that was so important to this part of Denver's history. Please do not allow it to be torn down and replaced with something less.

Sincerely,

Tamara Stortz 2908 Yates St. Date Nov. 16, 2015

Denver City Council Members Denver City & County Building 1437 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80202

RE: Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue

Dear Denver City Council,

I am writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue.

This beautiful home deserves to be preserved, not torn down to make mutliunit homes. I have lived in the neighborhood for 25 years and while I see the need for more housing, this particular home and location are not a fit for the neighborhood. The traffic and parking alone would be reason enough to try and stop this project from tearing it down. But, this house stands high on an unmatched hill as a symbol of our community. It's elegant "Denver Square" architecture with a unique corner entrance by a master Denver architect, connects us to the "Carnation Goldrush" that was so important to this part of Denver's history.

Sincerely,

Shannon Tweedy

4845 W 31st Avenue

Dear Denver City Council,

We are writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue.

This beautiful house on the hill is a special landmark and a valued connection to our neighborhood's past. Created in an age where architecture was well thought out and materials were locally sourced, the home stands high on the hill on a unique corner entrance - a proud symbol that helps define our unique neighborhood.

We have lived in northwest Denver for just over 35 years and still own the same brick bungalow our family purchased from the original (1910) homeowners. It is the first home we purchased and it's where we have raised our family and befriended our neighbors as others before us have done. We moved to the neighborhood because we had an appreciation for the fine brick bungalow and "Denver Square" homes and for the sense of community that these homeowners share.

We also love our neighborhood for the fact that it has a shared history as well as common characteristics — homes with similar building heights proportioned to their neighbors, historic materials, local parks and most importantly, a small density. We are passionate about preserving the historical integrity of our neighborhood for future generations so that they too may appreciate this unique area of Denver and establish a connection with those who came before them.

Just as my home connects us to the previous homeowners and to another time - having an historic structure nearby connects us all to a piece of Denver's past. It's a landmark symbol of our community, connecting us to the Carnation Goldrush that was important to this area. It deserves our protection.

As geologists, we have a saying....the present is the key to the past. Please respect the character of our neighborhood and help us preserve an important and unique piece of our past.

Sincerely,

Sandra and Edward Johnson

Sandia and Edward John

4128 Grove Street

Dear Denver City Council,

I am writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue. Please read about my interest in preserving this unique architectural residence.

This unique Denver Square style house on the hill facing the South has a perfect view of Pikes Peak from the porch and front windows. It was built 97 years ago for the Lambourns and was designed by noted architect Richard Phillips the innovator of the Four Square (Denver Square) architectural form in Denver. I have always envied the unique entrance with the two story bay at the south east corner. The fact that the owner was also one of the leaders in the carnation growing floral business which was a big business in Denver at that time with much of that greenhouse business existing in NW Denver.

I think back to 2002 when the West 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue Neighborhood Association was key in preserving our Denver zip code of 80212 when the USPS decided the development at the old Elitch Gardens/Highland Garden Village had maxed out our Alcott post office and our SW part of 80212 was to have our zip code changed. The owners of the Lambourn House, at the time, rallied with our RNO and were very active in our community to remain zip code 80212. They had to move to Parker for personal reasons and rented the house on the hill for many years. They loved that house and always kept it up.

Across W 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. from the Lambourn house is what was the Rustic Tavern which just closed last year after being owned by JoAnn Turner and her husband for over 50 years and stood there probably as long as the Lambourn House. This last month the Tavern was repurposed as the Rise and Shine Biscuit Company with the front windows opened up that look at the House on the Hill! Please vote to preserve and landmark the Lambourn House so it can have the chance to be repurposed also.

My husband and I have lived at 2979 Raleigh Street for 29 years so we pass this house many times a week on our trips to the West and to Sheridan Blvd. I always look at the beautiful historic house on the hill at Zenobia Street. We hope future generations of NW Denverites will be able to share the beauty and story of the Lambourn house on the hill.

We appreciate your service to the City and County of Denver and ask you to follow the guidelines that Denver has put in place to landmark our history before it is all gone.

Respectfully,

Pat Defa 2979 Raleigh Street (29 years) previously 3879 Xavier Street (4 years) Active member West Highland Neighborhood Assoc. (27 years) Past Council Aide to CM Rick Garcia CD1 November 10, 2015

Denver City Council Members
Denver City & County Building
1437 Bannock Street
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Denver City Council:

By this letter, I urge you to designate the Lambourns' View House (5115 West 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue) as a landmark. I write as a resident of West Highland, as a co-chair of the West Highland Neighborhood Association's Design and Preservation Committee, and as a attorney who holds a master's degree in city planning.

This house occupies a prominent place in West Highland, both geographically and historically. It is an architectural gem—an unusual and handsome variation on the widespread Denver Square style, which is such an important part of Denver's architectural history. Of course, the home also represents Denver's floriculture industry. This stately home is widely appreciated by neighbors and by the many Denverites who drive past it each day on 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For the house to be torn down would be a major loss for the neighborhood. While change is inevitable in West Highland and across Denver, it is important to preserve the signature structures that make our community unique.

Although the decision to designate a structure as a landmark against the wishes of the owner should not be taken lightly, such a decision is certainly merited in the case of this special house.

Sincerely,

Ginette Chapman

3111 Meade St.

November 11, 2015

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in regards to the application for Landmark Preservation of the Lambourn's View House, 5115 W.  $29^{th}$  Avenue.

I have lived in North Denver for over 20 years and moved to this neighborhood in part for the architectural treasures I get to enjoy as I go about my daily business. Living with in a block and a half of this property, Lambourns' View House is one of the structure's I most admire and look forward to seeing preserved for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kim Yuskis 3045 Yates St.

Dear Denver City Council,

We are writing to you in support of the designation of Lambourn's View House at 5115 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue as a Denver Landmark. As professional historians/architectural historians who have lived and worked in North Denver for 37 years, we have driven past the Lambourn residence (a visual landmark for all those who know the area) thousands of times and wondered who built it and the role it played in the city's history. We applaud the concerned neighborhood residents who have thoroughly researched the history of the house, studied its architecture, and documented its significance.

Our quadrant of the city has experienced tremendous change in recent years, including destruction of numerous dwellings and businesses that connected us to our past and stood as reminders of the importance previous generations placed on creating a city with neighborhoods of beautiful homes. The Lambourn House is an architect-designed Foursquare-style residence that displays this pride of place, represents the work of master architect Richard Phillips, and is associated with a leader of an important industry in the city—carnation growing. In early twentieth century America carnations were among the most popular flowers, worn and displayed by both men and women for celebration and commemoration. Several hundred floral businesses were founded in the state, and Denver eventually became known as the country's Carnation Capital before the industry dwindled and most physical reminders of its history were removed.

The house clearly meets the requirements for landmark designation through significance in History, Architecture, and Geography, and retains its historic character. We hope you will protect our history and our architectural heritage by voting for Lambourn's View House as a Denver Landmark.

Rachel Laurie Simmons Thomas H. Simmons

Sincerely,

Laurie and Tom Simmons

3635 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Dear Denver City Council,

Please support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue

I have always looked at the Lambourn house as I would drive past from North High School to my home on Sheridan Boulevard. That was a long time ago, 1957. It still stands as a beacon to me as I head up toward Lakewood from my home in Jefferson Park.

When I grew up there were carnation greenhouses just west of Denver. I could not believe they shipped the flowers all over the country which would in a day or so be used in all kinds of ceremonies of importance. I can still smell the carnations. The greenhouses are now gone but the Lambourn house stands as a historic reminder of reminder Denver's past. Please preserve this symbol of Denver's history. Vote Yes!

Sincerely,

Jerry Olson

2195 Decatur Street
Denver CO 80211

Dear Denver City Council,

I am writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue.

I have lived in Northwest Denver for over 30 years and have enjoyed the history and character of its many old homes. The Lambourns' View House is of particular interest to me. Like Mr. Lambourn, my grandfather immigrated to the United States at the turn of the century and found his way into the commercial flower business. His "Flower Greenhouse" was located across the country in New Britain, CT but his story is similar to that of the Lambourn family. My grandfather's home and complex of greenhouses were demolished long ago. Along with those historic buildings went the story of a Lithuanian immigrant's triumph over conditions of dire poverty.

I value the architecture, the location and the local history connected to this beautiful old home. I ask you to consider its value to its neighbors as well as to residents and visitors of the City of Denver.

Sincerely,

Marie Giedraitis-Edgar

3532 W 39<sup>th</sup> Ave Denver, CO 80211

**Denver City Council** City and County Building 1437 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80202

November 5, 2015

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of myself and my neighbors I would like to request that the City Council pass the initiative to make 5115 West 29th Avenue, Denver, CO 80212 otherwise known as Lambourns' View House an Historical Denver Landmark.

The house conveys a sense of historical ambiance that would be sorely missed if it was replaced by a multi unit dwelling. We value the historical context of our neighborhood with homes that highlight various stages of Denver History over the last 100 years. To whittle away at that integrity by tearing down a prime example of an architectural style known as the Denver Square with its unique corner entrance would be like whittling away at the core of our city's history. The architect, Richard Phillips, currently has at least one home on the National Historic Register. In my opinion this house could also qualify for that designation. The majestic way it sits on the top of a hill overlooking our neighborhood is inspiring.

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Sincerely.

Frances Frainlywire 1840 W. 40 th Ave Denver, Co 80211

303-477-5928

Denver City Council City and County Building 1437 Bannock Street, Room 451 Denver, CO 80202

November 7, 2015

Dear City Council Members,

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Please help us by keeping the historical integrity of our neighborhood intact. The Lambourns' View House represents an era in Denver's history when the growing and selling of Carnations was established on a national level. At one time we were known as the Carnation Capital and this house was integral to that history.

I strongly feel that we must approach progress responsibly and maintain the structures that represent an important part of our history. Please help us to maintain the historical context of our neighborhood.

Louise Lobato Louise Law 11-14-15

Thanks,

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## West29thAve Neighbors <west29thaveneighbors@gmail.com>

## Lambourne House

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Wed, Nov 18, 2015 at 4:01 PM

To the City of Denver:

I am respectfully requesting the City of Denver to designate the Lambourne View House as an historical landmark. This house is a beautiful example of the grandeur of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and, sadly, there are too few of these architectural gems remaining.

The recent trend in Northwest Denver is to demolish these landmarks to make room for huge, modern dwellings. This is only detracting from the heritage and unique culture of our neighborhood as opposed to preserving that culture. Development has its place, but not at the price of destroying history.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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## Lambourn house

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Please save this beautiful home- it has an incredible view over looking the neighborhood. I have long wondered the story of the property and am disheartened to see it is in danger of being destroyed in favor of yet another cookie cutter developers monstrosity.

PLEASE PROTECT THIS HOME!

Best, Jaclyn Pickard 4050 Benton Street

Dear Denver City Council,

We are writing to ask you to support the historic landmark designation for the Lambourns' View House at 5115 W. 29th Avenue.

As you know, very, very few of the homes that are vetted for demolition each year reach you for a final decision. That is because Denver's Landmark criteria are extremely strict. In fact, the large majority of old homes would not qualify – even if their owners wished to apply. The home must meet stringent criteria for geography, architecture or for association with Denver history, in addition to being old, in order to be landmarked.

Fewer than one half of one percent of buildings meets Denver's stringent criteria for historic preservation. This one does. Learning about an old historic home connects us to a piece of Denver History. To us, this is increasingly invaluable, as tens of thousands of new people move to Denver each month, while we are simultaneously losing unprecedented numbers of older buildings. We need some of those unique, cornerstone, historic buildings to still be standing for us residents, new and old, so that we can ask ourselves – 'why is this here? What is the history of this place I now call home? How am I connected to the past, and what can I learn, for the future?'

The Lambourns' View House stands high on an unmatched hill as a symbol of our community and it connects us the "Carnation Goldrush" that was so important to this part of Denver's history.

Please honor our history and the experts the City deploys to determine the very, very, very small number of homes that is truly historic and worthy of preservation.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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