From:	Joan Bolduc
To:	dencc - City Council
Subject:	Please grant landmark status to the William W. Anderson House
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Dear City Council,

I am writing to ask for your vote to grant landmark status to the **William W. Anderson House** located at 2329 Eliot Street. The issue is scheduled to be taken up for a final vote at the City Council Meeting scheduled for November 16, 2015.

I believe that the home of Anderson should be saved because it connects us to story not just of Alfred Packer or the yellow journalism of Denver Post publishers, Harry Tammen and Fredrick Bonfils, but to the story of early Denver residents standing up against the corruption of their judicial system by the city's elite. Anderson's argument over the representation of Alfred Packer and subsequent non-lethal shooting of the Post owners in what a jury ruled as self-defense was just the start of a series of events that found Anderson not guilty and a Colorado Supreme Court sanctioned grand jury indictment that led to the court bailiff, the police magistrate and Tammen pleading guilty to bribing the Anderson court against him. The Anderson trial remained in nation and local papers for years and it was Denver that cheered as they reported on the purge of corruption from the West Denver courts. His story, connected to one of the last examples of a middle-class Queen Anne home in Jefferson Park is important to me, my family and my community and should be saved through the landmark designation of this home.

I have been lucky to have visited some of the great cities of the world including New York, Chicago, San Francisco, London, Paris, and Rome. What these cities all have in common is a respect for their past and their built heritage. A large part of what makes these cities great is the preservation of buildings that help tell that city's story and define its sense of place. In Denver, we are in danger of losing this important part of our cultural heritage to demolition permits.

I am aware that the owner will not be harmed by the designation and that he has stated he will win no matter the outcome. I believe that win-win solutions should be what we strive for, and there is a clear way to achieve that in this case. The adjoining property could be developed while leaving **William W. Anderson House** to be renovated and preserved.

Preserving our heritage is a concern for all who love our great city. Please vote to grant landmark status to the **William W. Anderson House** on November 16th.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Bolduc