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Dear City Council members,
As my council member has recused himself, I am asking you to represent my and my district's will and not those of individuals from outside of our community.

As you are aware on Nov. 16, 2015, you will be considering the designation of the 2329 Eliot Street, the William W. Anderson House. As the former Jefferson Park United Neighbors Vice-president, member of the Land Use Committee and editor of the neighborhood newsletter for 3-4 years, I would like to make it clear that I have read, researched and considered the concerns of both neighbors and owner. As a result, I am asking you to help preserve the home and its history for Denver and Colorado.
I believe that the home of Anderson should be saved because it influences the story of not just of Alfred Packer and the yellow journalism of Denver Post publishers Harry Tammen and Fredrick Bonfils, but provides us with a tangible connection to the story of early Denver residents standing up against the corruption of their judicial system by the city's elite.

When in 1900 Anderson walked down the steps of 2329 Eliot to argue with the Post publishers, it is unlikely that he knew he would act in self-defense to shoot them. It is further unlikely that he would have thought that in his second trial trial, known as the "Anderson Trial," he would become the center of a maelstrom of activity that would lead to his jury being bribed by the Post publishers working with court officials, a public outcry around the bribery, and a Colorado Supreme Court sanctioned grand jury indictment that led to the court bailiff, the police magistrate and Tammen all pleading guilty to bribery. Written about in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune and papers around that country, according to editorials and newspaper stories of the time, that the Anderson trials brought about a purging of the West Denver Courts of Corruption and reshaped the national perspective of Denver as a town of law and order . Anderson's story connected to one of one of the last examples of a middle-class Queen -Anne home in Jefferson Park, once known as the "House on the Hill" in the Town of Highland, is important to me, my family and my community and should be saved through the landmark designation of this home.

Ensuring that the whole community wins is important to me. I have spent time researching the concerns for the property's current owner and am aware that he will not be harmed by the designation. It appears clear that offers or potential offers exists that either equal or exceed the current contract the owner has been offered – offers that would develop the property while saving the home. Finally, I am aware that the historic designation will allow for the development of likely 13 units while

saving this important reminder of our past.

As you are also aware this developer has recently caused the Jefferson Park United Neighbors Group to rewrite its bilaws after it forced and stacked a vote on this issue. This is disturbing to me and can only be indicative of the developer who has shut down attempts by the neighborhood members to negotiate with the developer and owner on this issue. Having worked closely with developers over the years to bring in amazing development that has served our community and increased housing stock for the neighborhood, I would like to make it clear that Jefferson Park has never been against development. In fact, much of the once Town of Highland has been redeveloped to make way for a new community of people, millennials being the new target market for many of the new developments in what was once a more family oriented, lower-income community. And while, 2329 in blueprint Denver is labeled for stability, its current zoning makes it an area I believe should see characteristic development. However, it is important to me, that those who come here and those who live in this neighborhood remember the stories of our past. That is what the landmarking of place preserves—our past and our stories. Therefor, I am thrilled that, as I stated above, 13 units could become integrated into our community in this location with the home preserved.

With nearly 400 Denver residents asking you to protect this property (many from Jefferson Park), knowing that the current owner will not be harmed, that an architecturally significant home can be saved while allowing for significant development, and that this will serve as a monument to a story that redefined Denver as a city of laws, I am asking you to please serve the District 1 community by voting to preserve 2329 Eliot as a Landmark for Jefferson Park, Denver and all of Colorado.

While Jefferson Park residents do not have high paid communications firms to represent us, we do have you.
Thank you for your consideration and service to our city,

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