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Denver City Council

City and County Building

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Dear City Council members,

As you are aware on Nov. 16, 2015, you will be considering the historic landmark designation of the 2329 Eliot Street, the William W. Anderson House. If landmarked, it would become one of two homes in the rapidly changing neighborhood to be preserved. Upon reading the research and considering the concerns of both neighbors and owner, 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 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 one of the last examples of a middle-

class Queen Anne home in Jefferson Park, once known as the “House on the Hill,” 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 am aware that the owner will not be harmed by the designation and that he has stated he will win no matter the outcome. It is also clear that offers or potential offers exists that either equal or exceed the current contract that would develop the property while saving the home. I believe that win-win solutions should be what we strive for, and there is a clear way to achieve that in this case.

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

Thank you for your consideration and service to our city.

Sincerely,

Will Chesser