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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 Anderson House at 2329 W 23rd Ave.

While change in an inherent part of any city landscape I also firmly believe in the good of preserving those elements of that landscape that not only remind us of where we've come from, but can serve to inspire and add character. The Anderson home fits all of these. It was the home of William W. Anderson, a well known lawyer in his day that was involved in an altercation with the Denver Post publishers over the representation of Alfred Packer. His story reminds us of the dangers of 'yellow journalism' – how public media can be used to turn opinion against justice, and to be vigilant against the corruption that can invade our judicial system at any time (the court was bribed to go against Anderson). As the events of that time ultimately unfolded, it served to earn for Denver a mark of respect for being a place of law and order.

The home is also a beautiful example of a unique architectural style (Queen Anne) for Jefferson Park and once was the sole occupant on the hill is rests on. I love seeing these unique styles as I walk the neighborhoods of Denver – they are what give an immediate feel and character to the neighborhoods and sets the city upon a pedestal of grandeur. What a pity it would be to lose such a landmark such that future generations would not be blessed by its presence.

This to me is a clear case of a win-win scenario. The current owner stands to gain significantly by an historic designation and the community will have an important landmark preserved.

I ask you again to support the recommended historic designation of the Anderson house.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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