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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, located at 2329 W. 23rd Avenue.

I have been fortunate to own property and live in Jefferson Park for over 13 years. I first moved into a century-old half-duplex when I got married. Soon, the house was too small but we were unable to expand, so my husband and I searched the city for another place. Ultimately, we determined we wanted to invest again in Jefferson Park, because it was affordable and close to Downtown, but in spite of the crime and community challenges at the time. We bought a small vacant lot in the neighborhood, then designed and built the home in which we live today.
Over the years, I have grown to appreciate how the Anderson House is an irreplaceable part of our neighborhood's rapidly disappearing historic fabric. For several years, I have climbed its many steps each month delivering neighborhood newsletters. Although the grounds have been unkempt, I have been thankful each time to see the house standing solidly year after year.
In June 2012, I studied some neighborhood history in order to give walking tours about our original Town of Highland at the Jefferson Park Better Block event. It was then I learned of the colorful past associated with this singular "tall house on a tall hill." Since then, it has been fascinating to share with friends and neighbors that the attorney William. W. Anderson climbed those same sandstone steps over a hundred years ago while defending the infamous Alfred Packer and soon becoming embroiled in a scandal of his own with Tammen and Bonfils, the Denver Post publishers. Ultimately, Anderson became a local hero while living here in Jefferson Park, which speaks to a history worth keeping.
Please recognize this stately and unique example of Queen Anne architecture as worthy of landmark designation. This is not a choice of development ***or*** preservation, but rather a case where, with thoughtful action on your part, both can coexist to enrich our community.
Thank you for your consideration, as well as your service to the City and County of Denver.
Sincerely,

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