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Dear Denver City Council,

I urge you to support the historic landmark designation for the Anderson House at 2329 W 23rd Ave. I remember the first time I jogged by the Anderson House (about 20 years ago), and I marveled at its location on the hill overlooking the city. It certainly stands as a landmark for the neighborhood and hopefully you will decide to allow it to continue to remind us of what was.

When I moved into my current home in Highland, I was a little embarrassed to admit that I lived in Potter-Highlands, an historic district. The protections seemed pretentious and restrictive. 20 years later, I am so grateful to my neighbors who had the foresight to institute some guidelines that value the history and fabric of this neighborhood. Those protections have not kept out new development, but they have ensured that there is some respect for the character and scale of the neighborhood.

In the meantime, much of north Denver is experiencing what you might consider a “development” rush (akin to a gold rush in many ways). I understand this building boon, but am saddened that we cannot figure out how to preserve some of our past at the same time. Sadly, there are other amazingly well built and beautiful homes being torn down in Jefferson Park. The community has organized to try to preserve a few of them, including the Anderson House.

That’s where you all can step in, by supporting a community’s request to exercise your power to speak for the "common good." It is my understanding that the designation will not damage the current owner’s sales prospects. This represents a wonderful opportunity for us to work together creatively to find some ways to preserve some our past **and** respond to the housing and development pressures in Jefferson Park. Realizing that possibility is in your court.

Thank you

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