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Maribeth Witzel-Behl
Madison City Clerk
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Dear Ms. Witzel-Behl:

By this letter, I am requesting the City of Madison Common Council schedule a vote to overturn the June 15, 2015 decision by the Madison Landmarks Commission to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of an existing structure and for a building project located at 906 Williamson Street.

I believe the Landmarks Commission acted in error and did not appropriately apply the standards of the Madison General Ordinance and take into account numerous variables relevant to my proposed project...*"failure to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness will preclude any and all reasonable use of the property and/or will cause serious hardship for the owner."* Specifically:

1. As reported by noted historic architect Charles Quagliana, the historical background of and architecture of the structure for demolition is of no historical or architectural significance to the neighborhood.
2. The Marquette Neighborhood Association endorses the proposed project recognizing the positive potential benefits to their neighborhood community.
3. The neighborhood plan for this area specifically calls for this lot to be improved.
4. The proposed project meets the BUILD standards.
5. The current structure is not habitable and has multitude structural defects which were not created by the owner. The repairs would cost more than \$300,000, far in excess of the value of the structure and create an unreasonable burden on the owner.

Please place this matter on the Common Council's agenda at the earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Louis Fortis

