

I am writing to you in strong support for the Fant proposal for 704 E. Gorham Street. My perspective has been gained by my direct experience of many years in the neighborhood, schools, city and elective office.

The offer provides a fair price for the building and a generous lease. The uses of the building as a single family residence involving 3 generations and a farm to fork/catering business I find most appealing.

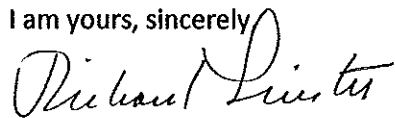
I believe that a core of families can effect a profound beneficial change in this part of the neighborhood and make it a truly desired residential destination. The Fant/Gallo's would be a wonderful addition. Their farm to fork operation has the potential to create a powerful synergy revolving around local healthy food. The full cycle from production to consumption with an educational component of classes and workshops would involve many people in the community. The opportunity to enjoy a meal or to pick them up from the catering would be fabulous.

Public access of this historic building would be strong and would include tours, open houses, community meetings and benefit events.

The principal Barbara Fant has extensive experience in historical renovation and has successfully restored several historic buildings. Additionally, she has rehabilitated a home here in Madison on Morrison Street. The Fant/Gallo family would be exemplary stewards of the Collins House.

This is simply too good a proposal to pass up. I trust you will give it every possible consideration .

I am yours, sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Linster". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Richard Linster 432 Sidney Street, Madison