From:

Andrew Daub

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 1:01 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 North Lake Street

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission Members,

My name is Andrew Daub and I am a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Marketing & Operations and Technology Management with a Specialization in Supply Chain Management, and I am a proud member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. I lived in our current house over a year ago, and even though it was in extremely poor condition it was still a year of my life that I will never forget. Being able to live in a house with a bunch of other SAE members helped me with school significantly. Being around a bunch of other guys taking the same classes as me helped with studying, and having older guys in the house that have taken the classes I am taking helped whenever we were struggling. On top of that, it was also motivating to see other members succeeding in their classes. I formed friendships and gained memories in that year that will last forever. The new house will not only bring more members, but it will allow older members to live in the house and mentor younger members.

As a member of SAE I hope that this chapter stays on campus well into the future so I can come back as an alumni and reminisce of my great memories as a student at UW-Madison and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and I am certain that every other member of SAE agrees. Our chapter is dedicated to raising money for Lily's Fund for Epilepsy Research, and will continue to raise money for them long into the future. If we do not get this project approved now I am certain that SAE will not continue to improve like it has over the past four to five years.

Not only will this project help our fraternity grow stronger, but it will also look great next to the union and alumni park, when it is finished.

#### **Andrew Daub**

From:

Cole Lunde

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 12:10 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

My name is Cole Lunde and I am a freshman at UW-Madison. As this being my first year on campus, I have had a lot of new and exciting experiences, the majority of which I can attribute to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. My freshmen experience would not have been nearly as enjoyable or helpful in myself growing as a person and a part of society without the support of SAE. The building of the new SAE house on Lake Street is beyond important to my college experience along with every student looking to grow as a person through Sigma Alpha Epsilon. I believe SAE needs to be on campus for every coming generation of students who attend Madison. SAE gives students the opportunity to help their campus, community, and themselves and serves a crucial role in aiding new students with their transition into college. The instantaneous creation of lifelong friendships is something any organization can be proud of and SAE provides that.

This project is truly the next step for Sigma Alpha Epsilon and is imperative to its ability to continue to better the UW campus and its population. I know Madison is a place rich in history, and the SAE house is a part of its story. The structure, built in 1929, is one of the few remaining building that exhibits the architectural beauty of its time period and the fact that the new project will keep the historic presence of the house is remarkable. How much this house means to myself and the entirety of SAE is difficult to express in words but I hope what I have mentioned will help make your decision easier. Please allow this house to be built.

Thank you,

Cole Lunde

From:

hichael Sands

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 1:24 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House at 627 N Lake St.

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

My name is Michael Sands and I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as a devoted member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Prior to the meeting tonight, I wanted to make sure I provided formal support for the plan being presented for the project at 627 N Lake Street. Having lived in the SAE house for more than 25% of my college experience, I am ecstatic to see that its current form may be largely preserved. I think I can speak for the rest of my fellow SAE seniors in saying that one of our greatest fears with regard to the future of the SAE house was that it would be unrecognizable upon our returns to Madison in future years. If this plan were passed, then those fears would be effectively squashed.

Additionally, I think the additional floors built on top of the existing structure represents the perfect compromise between funding and the interests of SAE. We will surely be able to lease out the additional rooms on an annual basis, which provides both funding and bolstered brotherhood within the fraternity (as more brothers will be able to live together).

Thank you for hearing my perspective; this project means the world to all of us in SAE.

Michael Sands

From:

Nyada Baldeh Invi

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 1:41 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Hello,

I'm sending this email in support of the proposed building plans of the new SAE house at 627 N. Lake St.

Both of my parents attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and I was born and raised a true badger at heart. From a very early age my parents worked to instill in me the values that are at the core of the University and the surrounding community: working hard, seeing the bigger picture, and trying to tackle problems that will make an impact. The current SAE chapter truly exemplifies these values and habitually strives to do the right thing.

The proposed plan does an amazing job at accounting for the necessary capacity and safety constraints without sacrificing the integrity and character of a house that has grown to be a staple in a historic part of the downtown residential community. This new house is a crucial first step in allowing SAE to continue to do good in the community and at the University for the foreseeable future which is why I urge you to approve the proposed plan.

I truly appreciate your time and I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season. Happy new year!

Best regards,

Nyada Baldeh

From:

Daniel Hennessy [

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 4:51 PM Resnick, Scott

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

I write to express my concern on the decision to be made on behalf of the SAE house. The house means a ton to me and the renovation plan would be great for the future of the property. I have numerous memories from the property and wish to continue that tradition in the future.

Sincerely, Daniel Hennessy

From:

Mike Vandenhouten

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 2:13 PM

To:

Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Cc: Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

My name is Michael Vandenhouten and I am a sophomore here in Madison. I am writing to you concerning the proposed plan to remodel the existing structure of our chapter house. I first of want to thank you for taking the time to read this and the many other emails that will be flooding in concerning the project, but I hope this speaks to how emphatically we as a chapter are behind this plan. Since the house was off limits this year, I have yet to live in the house that's walls echo of a very rich history. A history that can be preserved for many more generations if we are able to continue use of this property. I spent countless days and nights at the house last year while meeting brothers, studying, getting advice, and making connections with people all over the country. Granted I made some very dear friends, but no one was closer than the young men that shared bedrooms, bathrooms, and horror stories of our cook that's made the same surprise chili for over thirty years.

I want to keep this brief because I know your time is valuable, but I would be remiss if I did not reiterate the legacy behind this house and how much it means to Wisconsin Alpha alumni all over the country and especially here in Madison. On that note I will conclude by mentioning the alumni connection program that is starting next semester which will pair each of our members with local alumni to foster connections that lead to job opportunities. Just one example of why this fraternity needs to be preserved and why we will be committed to its further success. Thank you again for taking the time to read this and I hope I've expressed how much this house will contribute to our traditions of giving back to the Madison community

Sincerely, Michael J. Vandenhouten

From:

Jon Markert line in the state of the state o

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 2:49 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

My name is Jon Markert. I am a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and would like to tell you why I want the house to be constructed. First and foremost, I have already signed to live in the house if the construction is to go through. However, my living situation is probably a minimal concern for you. So let me discuss how having the house will be beneficial to the Madison community. We are a fraternity that likes to give back to the community. In fact, we are scheduled to have a hockey tournament on February 1st, where we are expecting to raise about \$5000 dollars which will be donated to epilepsy research. Philanthropy is just one way that we benefit the community. Sigma Alpha Epsilon here in Madison is a great brotherhood that truly allows for a safe environment for young men to live. I thank you for reading this email, and if you have any further questions to ask me feel free to contact me. My phone number is 708-220-8669.

Sincerely,

Jon Markert Sigma Alpha Epsilon

From:

Colin Nitschke

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 3:35 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N Lake St.

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission Members,

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting regarding the future of the SAE house on Monday, January 13th, however I care very deeply about the future of that house and location. I have lived in the house for 3 semesters and currently live in 625 Mendota Court. I fully support the proposal that SAE is presenting on Monday, January 13th.

My younger sister and I are 4th generation badgers. Both of my parents, both of my dad's parents, and both of his mom's parents graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I have spent at least 2 weekends a year in madison for as long as I can remember. I love the University and the city of Madison and I care very much about its future after I graduate.

I am a senior in SAE. I joined in the fall of my freshman year (2010) as we were moving into the SAE house and finalizing our re-chartering. We share a name with many past generations of SAE, and while we look to build a connection and dialogue with many alumni members, we do not associate ourselves with the fraternity of the late 90s and early 2000s. We are cut from a different cloth. We have taken the necessary steps to build a foundation that will enable us to remain a strong, positive presence on campus for the years to come. The house is an essential part of that foundation. Though economically we cannot maintain the smaller structure that our membership prefers, we recognize that this upgraded building with additional beds will ensure the continuation of the SAE that we know and love.

Thoughtfully,



From:

Andy Elmeer

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 3:50 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

My name is Andy Elmeer and I am currently a sophomore member of SAE. Last year, I was around when the old house was still in use and can now understand that the house was the main reason as to why the camaraderie amongst our chapter is so strong. Being able to have a central meeting spot where every brother can go to hang out with each other contributed immensely to the great friendships I have created in the last year. When I was a new member, I could go to the house and hang out with any of the 35+ people who lived there, which made me very close to the brothers, quickly. In addition, I have heard from all of the brothers that have lived in the house that living there is the best experience of their life due to how close they got to so many people. This past semester has been difficult to get everyone together due to the fact that there is no space for all of us to fit anywhere, and it makes it difficult for our new members to meet everybody. Also, the 627 N. Lake St. property has been sacred to the Wisconsin Alpha chapter of SAE for more than 80 years. As of now, our chapter cannot go anywhere near that gorgeous property, which is filled with so much of our chapter's history. All in all, please consider passing our house plans because of the necessity of a central meeting area to strengthen the bonds amongst brothers, the once in a lifetime experience of living with 35+ of your closest friends, and so SAE can continue its tradition of having its central location at 627 N. Lake St. for another 80 years and more.

Thank you for your time, Andy Elmeer

From:

William Hoesley

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 1:39 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake Street

Alder Resnick and Plan Commision members,

I am writing to you today to express my opinion regarding the remodeling and construction of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house. This project is incredibly important to me as a member planning on living in the house if the current plan passes. From a personal level, being able to live with many of my closest friends that I have made in college is something that I dream of. I can already say that in the past year and a half of being in Sigma Alpha Epslion I have changed as a person. After surrounding myself with the other members of the fraternity, I have truly become a better person. The one year that I was able to spend around the previous house was undoubtedly the best year of my life. The house itself allowed me to meet dozens of older guys that have become my role models. I am a strong believer that fraternities (with the exception of some) provide an environment of companionship and brotherhood which aid the development of each and every brother. I can confidently and sincerely say that Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the University of Wisconsin is a fraternity full of gentlemen, and our purpose is to better not only ourselves, but the brothers we are surrounded with, and with a house our mission and impact become so much stronger. A house is the lifeblood of a fraternity, and I want the future generations of members of SAE at UW to experience exactly what I did in just one year of knowing the house. Thank you for all of your hard work, and please pass the plan for our new home.

Sincerely,

William Hoesley

From:

Wadaaaday January 08, 201

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 11:54 AM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N Lake St

Dear Mr. Alder Resnick and Plan Commission Members, Leaving a small school in the Baltimore area and making such a large change by coming to University of Wisconsin-Madison was a very frightening experience in many ways for me. I am sure it is the same for other kids around the country. It can be overwhelming and intimidating but it is also exciting and new. For me deciding to rush and join a fraternity was about making this large university smaller and creating deeper and more meaningful friendships. I chose SAE because I feel that this fraternity can leave a legacy behind. We work hard, play hard, uphold values and traditions, and we are trying hard to help others and get involved in helping the community. This house that we need to rebuild and renovate symbolizes to me the change and commitment we have to the present and future students. A place we can call home and make a large university smaller and not so overwhelming to many new students in the future. Please allow us to complete this project that means so much to all of us now and will continue to impact many future students. Thanks for your time and consideration. Niko Argeroplos, Freshman

Sent from my iPhone

From:

William Parks

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 11:11 AM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission Members,

I am writing this email because I strongly support the building of the new SAE house at 627 N Lake St. As a Sophomore member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, I have a very strong personal connection to the location of 627 N Lake St. During freshman year, I met all of my brothers and shared countless memories with them at the SAE house. While pledging SAE as a freshman, I fully intended to live in the SAE house as a Sophomore, and was absolutely devastated when I learned that the house would not be available during the 2013-2014 school year due to the new fire code standards.

As expected, the absence of a central location has posed several problems for our fraternity this year. Luckily, SAE is comprised of members that are extremely dedicated to the fraternity, and because of this we have been to work through the adversity. However, going forth, it will become increasingly difficult to function as a thriving fraternity on campus without a house to function as a central location for the fraternity. As someone who has had his college experience completely shaped by SAE, it would hurt me deeply to see the special fraternity that my brothers and I have worked so hard to build continue to suffer due to circumstances that are out of our hands.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

William Parks

From:

Sam Rusk Sammas Control

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 10:17 AM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St

Hi Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

My name is Sam Rusk and I am a senior in the Wisconsin Alpha Chapter of SAE at Madison. I am writing to tell you that the SAE house at 627 N Lake st has been an extremely formative figure in my experience at Madison. I made life long friends over my year and half tenure living there and had the unique chance to live on beautiful Lake Mendota, a claim only a few Madison students can ever take. It would mean alot to me to see our house remodeled not only so that my own memories will live on, but so that many memories could still be made in the future for SAE generations ahead of mine. We are a large chapter of over 100 members right now each of which I can proudly say are excellent, intelligent young men. Our location as well the charisma of the members of the house give us the ability to recruit other fine young men and this circular logic will continue for years.

A remodeled SAE house would put good men in a suitable place to live and produce excellent men for years to come.

Best,

Sam Rusk

From:

Quinn Shepherd

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 4:34 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

My name is Quinn Shepherd and I am a freshman member of SAE. I am writing you concerning the building project for the house located at 627 N. Lake St. Being a freshman, I have yet to experience all that the house has to offer, however, through just one semester with the men who have lived in it, I have gained a perspective on how special a place it really is. If this plan were to be passed, I myself, and all the men to come in the future would be blessed with this same opportunity- to live in this special house, while also having a chance to make it our own and keep SAE strong and on campus well into the future. I want nothing more than the chance to make more memories with my best friends in this house while getting a great education. This project has monumental value to all of us and SAE at Wisconsin-Madison in general, it is the next step for our chapter.

Thank you so much for your consideration, Quinn.

From:

Sam Tillotson Wednesday, January 08, 2014 10:05 AM

Sent: To: Cc:

Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

I am writing this e-mail to show my support towards the building of the SAE house on 627 N. Lake St. I have not yet been able to spend a semester in the SAE house, however, it is something I have always wanted to do. After hearing about all the good times and memories the house has provided in the past, I immediately decided that the SAE house is where I want to live next year. Living in a house with all of your best friends is a unique situation that some fraternities are lucky enough to experience. I sincerely hope that five, ten, even twenty years from now I will be able to look back on my college experience at the University of Wisconsin, and remember all the great times I spent living in the brand new Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house.

Also, I believe the construction of this house is important to ensure that SAE will be on campus well into the future. Having a fraternity house is very appealing to new students looking to join the greek community. More importantly, having a house on campus, on the lake, and next to the brand new Memorial Union ensures that Sigma Alpha Epsilon will always be a part of not only the UW greek community, but also the UW community as a whole.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion!

Sincerely,

Sam Tillotson

From:

Jason Thul

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 9:11 AM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake Street

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission Members,

I'm sending this email to express my strong support for the building of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house at 627 N. Lake Street. To me personally, this house means a great deal. It's a place where I'm given the opportunity to live with around 50 of my closest friends. This house is a historic figure to me; I know it's been there for nearly a century and the significance behind it is ever so special. I would love to see SAE prosper on campus and continue to have a good influence at the University of Wisconsin, and that house is a tremendously large factor in that strive for success. It brings us together as a group of brothers. So again I'm writing to express my strong influence for the building of the SAE house at 627 N. Lake Street, as this house will be a key to our future for hopefully another century to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jason Thul University of Wisconsin-Madison

From:

Patrick O'Neill

Sent:

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 9:51 PM

To: Cc: Subject: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy 627 N Lake Street

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission Members,

Thank you for your time today, this is a key part of a process that means a great deal to all past, current, and future members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon especially those who have had the pleasure of being residents of 627 N Lake. I was lucky enough to live in the current structure for a year and a half and my experiences there have made me appreciate the historic importance of the city of Madison and specifically the Langdon area. Slowly but surely, I have seen the University and the State Street areas move away from their roots towards a more modern feel. Although I am young, I fell in love with the 100 year old house and the buildings surrounding it and have grown to truly dislike the behemoth commercial apartment buildings else where on campus because they lack the history and homey feel that some older structures enjoy. The SAE house was a home to 34 people, not an apartment complex.

My freshman class was the first group of freshmen to join Sigma Alpha Epsilon since the chapter regained the house. To a man, every one of the freshman who joined did so in part because of the beautiful mansion on the lake that is the current house. The importance of having a house for the survival of a fraternity cannot be understated and the fact that SAE has grown exponentially each year, including this past year without a house speaks volumes about our chapter's potential and character. In addition to new members, as a Senior, I cannot stress enough how important it would be for me to come back to campus and see the same structure I was lived in and loved. Alumni from the past 100 years definitely feel the same as I do.

Again thank you for your time and consideration. All the members of the chapter are behind this plan and we eagerly await your decision.

Happy New Year,

Patrick O'Neill III

From:

Sent:

Daniel Cohen, Tuesday, January 07, 2014 7:27 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members, my name is Daniel Cohen and I am reaching out to you all as a citizen of Madison to express my full support for the new design of the SAE house at 627 N. Lake St. that will be presented to you all later this month. The passing of this design is imperative to not only all the current fraternity members, but to all the living alumni of this fraternity. 627 N. Lake St. is an address that has shaped the lives of thousands of UW alumni for the better and your decision later this January is the most pivotal decision this fraternity has faced in decades to keep going.

I realized there are numerous aspects that affect your decision, but I wanted to make sure the consideration of how it will affect the members is made.

Coming from an area in Missouri with historic architecture and being a student majoring in construction management. I understand many of the aspects that must be considered before making a final decision on a project like this. While it may not be ideal that the design is asking to expand the square footage of the building, the design will accomplish this in a very modest fashion highly considering the presence the house currently has in the area. Especially considering some of the current construction projects going on in Madison, the expansion of the SAE house is like throwing a penny in the ocean in comparison in regards to the overall image of the city.

Thank you for considering my opinion, and I hope you all agree.

Daniel Cohen

From:

Sent:

Drew Blumenthal [ Tuesday, January 07, 2014 8:22 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission Members,

This is my second year as a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Madison. I was fortunate enough to be able to be a part of this fraternity when some of my brothers were living in the house, but I was unfortunately not able to have the opportunity to live there as well. Living in a well established fraternity house like this one has been a dream of mine ever since I came to Wisconsin. In fact, the SAE house one of the main reasons why I chose this fraternity. There is so much history embedded inside of each and every single wall of this establishment, and I would like to add on to this sometime in the future.

This house has been up for over 90 years, and if it is agreed upon the commission to keep the house in a similar form to the way it is now, it could last another 90 years in the future. Being able to come back to this house once I graduate is something that will always bring me back to Madison. It will always be my home away from home and I will always know that it will be kept alive through the brothers of this fraternity. This property is not just a house, it is the center-piece of our entire organization. it brings the old with the new in a never-ending cycle. This house is something that is bigger than myself, and this is why I would love to see it that our fraternity house stays in similar fashion to how it looks now.

Thank you for your time, and I hope to see that this house will keep the history of this fraternity as well as the city of Madison alive

Sincerely, Drew Blumenthal

From:

Sent:

Jordan Rodriguez, Supplied Sup

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks. Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Dear Mr. Resnick and Plan Commission Members: My name is Jordan Rodriguez, a UW-Madison freshman as well as a new initiate of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A native of Cleveland, I came to Madison not knowing a soul and unsure as to where my place on this campus was. The members of SAE took me under their wing and guided me through my first semester of college. I've never felt more comfortable and assimilated to a group of people in such a short period of time. The brotherhood of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a strong one--and a special one. When I listen to the upperclassmen tell stories from when they lived in the house, I'm overcome with awe and a sense of reverence for the fabled property that is 627 N. Lake St. The members of this fraternity are a rare and special bunch. In order to create the legacy that we would like, however, we need a place to call our own. A bastion of brotherhood that will enable us to further the reputation of SAE in the community as a family of gentlemen driven by good-will. I, along with the other members of my fraternity, want nothing more than to see a new house built for the future generations of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Sincerely, Jordan Rodriguez

From:

Sent:

Jacob Wednesday, January 08, 2014 5:48 PM

To: Cc:

Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

I'd like to show support for the construction of the new SAE house on campus. Not only is this house the place that I hope to live in next year, but it is important because the house is where all the brothers in the fraternity come together and enjoy each other's company. With out the house this whole year, it's has been obvious how difficult it is to see everyone at the same time, so this house means a lot to all of us. Not only that but the fact that this house will be on the campus for years to come and with

how great it sounds this will better the fraternity and Greek life for years to come!

Thanks, Jacob Rabichev

From:

Sent:

To:

Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Cc: Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

I just wanted to voice my support for the 627 N Lake Street housing project. I lived in the house for a full year and it was one of the best years of my life. This house means a lot to me and my fraternity, and it would mean a lot to us to keep it.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Platner

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Danny Virgin

Sent:

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 7:02 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Alder Resnick and Plan Commission members,

My name is Danny Virgin, a current junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an active member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon - Wisconsin Alpha chapter on campus. I am emailing you regarding the housing plans for the renovation of our chapter house at 627 North Lake Street. Having been a member of the chapter for 2 and a half years now and having lived in the house all of last year, the renovation of the property means a great deal to me. My entire collegiate tenure has brought with it many great memories, the majority of which have occurred in the beautiful brick house we have. Countless mornings of waking up to beautiful sunrises over the lake, the camaraderie that comes with living in such close quarters with so many of your close friends, and the history of 80+ years of fellow brothers living in the same rooms as ourselves are some things I will cherish for the rest of my life. As corny as it may seem, I cannot imagine what the last few years would have been with without that place.

A great deal of hard work has gone into the plans that are going to be presented to you in a matter of days. I hope that throughout the process you keep in mind how important the current building is to us and how preserving as much of it as possible is of utter importance to us all. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter has a long history at the university and every current member has every intention of only seeing it grow and become stronger in years to come. With that being said, I want to close by saying I appreciate the time you have put forth for hearing the new plans (as the first project to tear down and rebuild was not favorable for any of us) and hope that you can see and appreciate how much this means to every individual in the chapter. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Danny Virgin

From:

Sent:

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 7:05 PM

To: Cc: Resnick, Scott Parks, Timothy

Subject:

SAE House 627 N. Lake St.

Dear Alder Resnick and Plan Commission,

I am writing to express to you my most earnest hope that proposal for construction on the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity House is passed with strong support.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been a wonderful part of the University of Wisconsin Community for well over a century. It is my hope and that of all who I know at UW-Madison that this storied institution will thrive and contribute valuable to life in Madison for another century and beyond.

To thrive and to continue contributing to Madison as a city and the University as a community, Sigma Alpha Epsilon will need what all successful fraternities need: a house. Having a fraternity house that keeps with the traditions of the fraternity and the city's architecture is crucial for Sigam Alpha Epsilon. We are blessed to have design now that would satisfy these requirements.

I lived in the house on 627 N Lake. It needs improvement. This project offers it that. But as importantly, this project allows a group of over 120 students who give so much to this town in terms of life and service and commerce a place to gather and to make Madison a home away from home, a true community. If this proposal does not pass, Sigma Alpha Epsilon will suffer and lose out, and so will Madison.

I respectfully ask that you consider the bright future of Madison and of Sigma Alpha Epsilon when casting your votes, for if you do, I am confident you will vote to pass the blessing that is this amazing proposal.

Thank you for your generous consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Hallett