928 Jenifer St. Madison, WI 53703-3522 January 2, 2018

Plan Commission City of Madison Planning Division 126 S Hamilton Street P.O. Box 2985 Madison, WI 53701-2985

Dear Members of the Plan Commission:

I intend to demolish the house at 929 Williamson St, which I purchased in October 2016. The property is dilapidated beyond economically justifiable repair. I am attaching a letter from George C. Hank of the Building Inspection Division describing the building as a public nuisance.

I have been planning since last year to demolish the building this Spring, but consulting with an arborist has given us reason to attempt to move up the schedule. There are two mature burr oaks on the property whose root systems would be best protected by performing the demolition while the ground is frozen. This would prevent the heavy equipment required from compressing the ground and starving the tree roots.

At this time, I am not sure what we will build on the property. The lot is zoned for a single-family residence, and we are not seeking to change that. While we save and plan, I would like to plant the lot with grass or other suitable ground cover and maintain it as a green space.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Calen Howell

Sincerely,

Caden Howell