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Re: 1204 Russell Street

Parcel # 08313002400

Dear Historic Zoning Commission members,

We would like to oppose the demolition request submitted for 1204 Russell street. We feel that the historic home contributes to the neighborhood charm and the façade should be left intact.

We purchased our home at 205 S. 13th street in 2014 (500 ft from 1204 Russell Street). The East End-Lockeland springs historic overlay had a major impact on our decision to purchase our home. We love the historic homes surrounding us, and we knew that the overlay would allow us to continue to see these beautiful homes every day for the rest of our lives. We would be extremely disappointed to no longer see this architecturally significant home on our neighborhood walks.

We understand that the house has structural damage, but that is very common for the homes in this overlay. Several of my neighbors have spent the time and money to restore their homes, and we feel that it is an injustice to those same neighbors if the demolition permit is approved. We understand that there has been an addition at the back of the structure; we have no objection to the demolition of the addition. We have read Ms. Andrady's letter to the MHZC; we feel that her replacement will not fill the void left behind by destroying these architectural elements, such as the eave brackets and shingle detail around the front bay window.

Thank you for your time and for considering our request to continue the historical preservation of our neighborhood. We would have been at the meeting in person, but due to a prior out-of-town commitment, we are unable to attend.

Sincerely, Seth and Meg Williams 205 S. 13th Street Nashville, TN 37206