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Re: 303 N. 3rd Street Variance

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

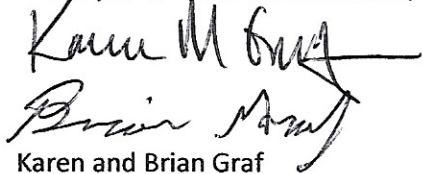
Matt and Bernadette Sweeney have been personal friends and professional colleagues of ours for 10 years. We view them and their family in the highest regard for their integrity, honesty and work ethic. Brian and I have been following their journey with their new familial home in St Charles on 3rd Ave, and am as confused as they are with sudden pushback in zoning, especially since they have been working in close compliance with the zoning and historic preservation throughout the process.

Being the owner of several properties in downtown St Charles, including The Elijah Freeman house located at 515 Walnut St., we have conveyed to the Sweeneys what a pleasure it has been to corroborate with the city that has the same values as we do that reflect: Heritage, Community, Service and Support, and why families like ours, that have the ability to improve St. Charles properties, feel compelled to do so.

We have looked at the Sweeney's plans in great depth, and in our opinion as Historic Greek Revival homeowners, we feel the folding glass wall does not diminish the historic value of the house on 3rd Ave, and is a good compromise between the city and the Sweeney family and their need for safe enclosure.

We humbly request the Zoning Board of Appeals find it to pass these decisions in favor of the Sweeney family, as we know they and their family will be a great asset to the city. Their children will continue to grow up here and further their legacy as valued members of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,



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