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Julian Hunt & Lucrecia Laudi
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Dear Julian & Lucrecia,

I have reviewed your architectural drawings for the small addition to your house and understand why this is necessary

I understand that you have lived in the neighborhood for 15 years, after having renovated what was a decrepit property to a distinct house, and have no desire to have to move, preferring instead to "age-in-place" and that the large addition next door has forced you to re-think your plans.

As such your proposal to build over the old kitchen and fill the space now boxed-in on all sides to complete the "street wall" by adding two small floors (524 sf total) to create a small rental conforms with the general characteristics of the neighborhood where nearly all the houses already have a rental unit, which yours did not.

And, I understand the unusual hardship of a boxed-in corner property with an old, non-conforming condition (100% lot occupancy) will require both approval by the Historic Preservation Review Board and the Board of Zoning Adjustment before your proposed addition may proceed.

For all these reasons, I wish to express in writing my support for your proposal which is reasonable, well-planned and a positive contribution to the neighborhood.

Thank you,


Charlie Gaynor