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To Whom It May Concern:

We believe that the plan our neighbor at 1457 Swann has submitted is excessive in its scale. We share the alley and look directly at his home from ours. Allowing such massing is not in keeping with the depth and character of neighbors' homes in both directions and would create a blight. The Zoning regulations spell out:

"The proposed addition or accessory structure, together with the original [building](#), or the proposed new building, as viewed from the [street](#), [alley](#), and other public way, shall not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses along the street and alley frontage" (zoning regulations of 2016)

To allow such a structure diminishes our ability to get the southern light on the back of our home and will cause us to not only lose the view of the beloved Ginko trees that are the pride of the neighborhood but also the sense of personal space as projects like this take up more and more square footage forever changing what makes our historic neighborhood special. What is certain is that this large structure will visually intrude upon our home and all the others within view of it. These lots were just not made for such massive structures.

Respectfully,

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