

# Historic Old Northeast Forever

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Members of the City Council  
PO Box 2842  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731

Re: Historic Old Northeast Redevelopment Concerns

Dear Council Members:

We are concerned residents of the Historic Old Northeast who are alarmed at the rash of demolitions of historic houses and, in their place, the construction of nonconforming big box houses on lots far too small to maintain the character of the neighborhood.

When we learned that the majestic, historic house at 209 13<sup>th</sup> Ave N (on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N) might be demolished and potentially replaced by three oversized houses on three substandard lots, we decided we had to take action. In just a period of a few days, we received an outpouring of support from residents who are as distressed as we are. The enclosed letter to Elizabeth Abernethy, supported by dozens of Old Northeast residents, shows the strength of opposition to the continuing desecration of our beautiful neighborhood.

While we don't know how the 13<sup>th</sup> Ave N property may be resolved, it is clear that the Historic Old Northeast, and probably many other areas of the City, desire stricter enforcement of the current zoning requirements as well as changes in the land development regulations (LDR) that will *reduce* the scale of property redevelopment to conform to more historical standards.

Because specific situations like the 13<sup>th</sup> Ave N property are simply part of a much larger problem, we ask for your support in adopting appropriate standards to prevent the construction of oversized homes on substandard lots, so that the beauty of our neighborhoods are not further compromised.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sara Young and David Watson  
Roger and Suzanne McClow  
Burt and Carol Kline

cc: Mayor Rick Kriseman

Attachment: Letter to Elizabeth Abernethy, Zoning Official dated May 22, 2017