Tim and Jennifer Luikart 521 W. Cady St. Northville, MI 48167 November 8, 2018

Northville Historic District Study Commission 215 W. Main St. Northville, MI 48167

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to request exclusion for our home at 521 W. Cady St. from the proposed 2018 Northville Historic District boundaries.

We have been residents of Northville and its Historic District since 1995. We specifically chose to live in a historic home for the express reason that we believe in preserving history for future generations. When we bought our home, it was too small for our needs, but we renovated our home in 2000 to make it a comfortable, livable space for a family.

We entered into this purchase with our "eyes wide open", knowing that owning a historic home has expenses and conditions to maintain its historic character, including compliance with the Northville Historic District Design Guidelines and the Secretary of Interior Guidelines.

When we renovated our home, we contracted with an architect who was very familiar with the standards of the historic district. At that time, he proposed turning our 1836 cottage into a Faux Greek Revival. We politely declined his design and went forward preserving what we deemed was consistent with the original character of the home, including choices of materials that were in accordance with the Guidelines.

When we did other renovations, we continued to follow the guidelines when making these changes to our home to ensure it was in harmony with the neighborhood and the Historic District.

Now that the 2018 Historic District Study is nearing completion, the results put our home and our efforts to preserve the historic nature of home at potential financial disadvantage. The proposed evaluation of our neighborhood on West Cady Street leaves our home at the far southwest corner of the Historic District, surrounded by non-contributing homes to the north and east, and the border of the District to the south and west. (See below)



Proposed 2018 Historic District Boundaries



521 W Cady St. (Contributing)



511 W Cady St (Non-Contributing)



508 W. Cady St. (Contributing)



514 W. Cady St. (Non-Contributing)



127 S. Rogers (Non-Contributing)



208 S. Rogers St. (Non-Contributing)



213 S. Rogers St. (Not in District)



501 W. Cady St. (Contributing)



500 W. Cady St. (Non-Contributing)



504 W. Cady St. (Contributing)

We are petitioning to have our home at a minimum and possibly the south side of West Cady Street from First Street to Rogers Street be removed from the Historic District.

We do not take this decision lightly, but due to the position of the south and west borders of the Historic District, and the fact that every home that surrounds us is either non-contributing historically or is not in the district, we are now are in a situation where compared to our neighbors, we are now at an economic disadvantage to maintain the historic nature of the home. We have consulted with local real estate professionals and feel it is in our best interest to remove our home from the Historic District going forward.

/s/Tim and Jennifer Luikart

Copy to: Michigan State Historic Preservation Office Michigan Historic Preservation Network

Timothy and Jennifer Luikart 521 W. Cady St. Northville, MI 48167 November 8, 2018

Mr. Brian D. Conway Michigan State Historic Preservation Office 735 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48912

Subject: Property Owner Objection to Inclusion to the Northville Historic District's Proposed 2018 Boundaries

Dear Mr. Conway:

We are writing regarding the pending nomination for listing the City of Northville's Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Pursuant to the Nation Historic Preservation Act and the National Register Federal Program Regulations, we are submitting this notarized statement, along with a letter written by us to the Northville Historic District Study Committee.

We certify that we, Jennifer A. and Timothy E. Luikart are the sole owners of the private property known as 521 West Cady Street, in the City of Northville, Michigan, and we object to such property's inclusion in the City of Northville's Historic District listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may also reach us at <u>fluikart@wowway.com</u> or (248)705-5423.

Sincerely, Swalling & Systemst Marike A. hurlen

Timothy E. Luikart Jennifer A. Luikart Subscribed and sworn before me, this 64h day of November, 2018, a Notary Public in and for County, Michigan,

(Signature)
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires 8-21, 2024

Copy to:

Joy Beasley, Keeper, National Register of Historic Places City of Northville

Attachments:

Letter to City of Northville Historic District Study Committee Letter to Keeper, National Register of Historic Places Timothy and Jennifer Luikart 521 W. Cady St.
Northville, MI 48167
November 7, 2018

Ms. Joy Beasley Keeper, National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 1848 C St. NW Washington, DC 20240

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Sincerely,

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