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Dear Community and Character Staff,

My name is Charlie Watkins, a native of Winston Salem and of Washington Park. I was born into a house at 112 Gloria Ave, was raised at 111 Cascade Ave, and have owned and renovated numerous historic homes in the neighborhood including one at 609 Acadia Ave- just a few lots away from this rezoning request.

I am the highest producing Real Estate Broker in Washington Park, a title I have held for the last 7 years. I grew up there, I work there, I own two houses in the neighborhood, and I know almost every resident of the historic district. There are only a handful of current residents in Washington Park who know the neighborhood better than me- that I can assure you. Furthermore, I had the pleasure of serving as the President of Preservation Forsyth for almost 5 years between 2016 and 2020 allowing me an even deeper understanding of the delicate fabric of our local historic districts and housing stock.

I am writing you because I could not be more ***passionately opposed*** to the rezoning of the lot and RESIDENTIAL home on Old Salisbury Road if I tried. It is almost absurd to me that this is even being considered. This is the quintessential definition of spot zoning and will undoubtedly have a profound impact on the property values of the surrounding homes. Allowing this to proceed is incredibly unfair to the neighborhood, the adjacent property owners, and sets a horrible example for the rest of Winston Salem. I greatly recommend that anything and everything be done to deny this request. If not for the neighborhood and/or adjacent properties, certainly for the future reputation of the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

I am currently out of town visiting my parents. I will not be there for the hearing but if you have any ideas of I can make sure that my voice is heard at this meeting I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank You.

-Charlie Watkins

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