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Subject: 412 Holly

Dear City of Saint Paul

As the Heritage Preservation Chair of the Ramsey Hill Association, I request with great urgency that you respect and save the magnificent home at 412 Holly Avenue.

Indeed, it needs help, but these issues are being embraced and corrected in order to once again return it to its handsome, historical and architecturally significant place in our district. We, the neighborhood, are 100% behind this effort. Please listen. To allow it to be raised, will place you, the City, firmly on the wrong side of history. It will be an unfortunate legacy, one that has allowed other significant structures to be erased, forever, from the streets of Saint Paul. It goes without saying that the City deeply regrets this legacy.

Living at 462 Holly since 2008, I have long appreciated 412's architectural integrity, its exceptional beveled windows and design detail, and its perfect scale in relationship to its city lot. Such vision and placement do not come easily. It is, unarguably, important to aesthetic integrity of Holly Ave. and to the larger Ramsey Hill district. However, do know, 412 first came to my attention when I resided previously at 612 Ryan Ave., the 1850 Charles Symonds House in Irvine Park, which is the oldest standing residential structure in Saint Paul. This home, too, was once threatened by short-sightedness and lack of imagination for the future, but it now exists as a focal point of Irvine Park, and is on everyone's walking tour of our Capital City.

Please consider everyone's work and good will to save this property as a sincere commitment to return 412 Holly to its former stature and glory. We simply need time. We the citizens of Saint Paul and Ramsey Hill have assembled a plan to breath new life into 412. Why have it raised, at great expense, when there is no need? It will be a showplace for Saint Paul's future history. We will be proud. You will be too. Thank you.

With respect,

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