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Subject: Two issues

Chris,

1. Cleveland Ave bike lane. I want to reiterate my very strong support for the bike lane on Cleveland. I know businesses are very much opposed. I really believe they will not be hurt and in fact it will be good for them. I hope an accommodation will be found to allow the bike lane to be established.

2. Lot lines and tear downs. I think the variance to allow a lot line to jut out is a bad precedent. Especially so in light of the rash of tear downs and way out of proportion replacement structures. All the builders need is one more example to point to to make their plans even more outrageous.

I note that a house we once owned at 1964 Lincoln is to be torn down this week. I am told by a neighbor who attended the builder's open house that the plan is for one that will basically fill the lot, similar to the monstrosity down the street on Howell and Lincoln. It would be a very nice house on a half acre in Woodbury. On a small corner lot in the city, not so nice. I know new rules are being written. I read them in your recent newsletter. Could not understand them at all. I am an educated man but could not parse that verbiage.

Do not give the builders another exception to demand. Work to get on top of this. I know you will represent us, your constituents and not the builders trying to make much more money than they already can.

Thanks for the work you do for us.

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