

Good Morning Dave

Today is a very important day for our neighbors. The Coltons are approaching the City Council this evening with a request for a variance involving an apartment over their garage.

Josh and Tisha have been our neighbors for several years. Their family is an asset to our block on Lincoln Avenue. The Coltons have two young sons, Caleb and Jacob. Tisha's parents live in the Philippines and come for extended visits with the Colton family. The apartment above the garage would be an excellent place for them during their visits giving everyone a bit of space and privacy.

A previous owner of the property had the apartment built with the thought of it becoming a residence for a nanny. Unfortunately the marriage fell apart before the need for a nanny arose. It sits empty and unused but ready to go with addition of a staircase along side the garage. I am sure you are aware of other staircases, ancient and recent, on our block. Most are far less complimentary to the neighborhood than the one planned by the Coltons.

We attended the zoning committee meeting and listened to concerns about parking. Yes, our block has apartment buildings requiring many parking spaces. Most of the apartment buildings have provided relief by adding off street parking. Our point is that an additional car is a very minor problem on our block.

Another concern mentioned was privacy of one's back yard. All the homes on our block are two or more stories and allow anyone one to peer into a neighbor's back yard if one wishes to do so.

We moved onto Lincoln Avenue in 1968 (that is 45 years ago). It was a block desperately in need of young people capable of fixing the older homes we have come to love. Now the Coltons are the young people and have given the block their time and funds to create a great looking property.

It is our sincere hope that a variance will be granted to them.

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