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Subject: Certificate of Appropriation for 3312 W. Kilbourn

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of my neighbors, Anne Devitt and Ned Hoffman, replacing their slate roof with an asphalt roof.

My daughter and I recently cared for Anne and Ned's cats when they were out of town visiting a family member. Their beautiful grand staircase was covered with plastic to protect it from water damage and they had a cooler out collecting rain water leaking into the house. They had asked us to keep checking on this area in their absence so that the beautiful wood would be protected and reserved. Over the years, they have made several costly repairs to their slate roof, but at this juncture, a repair is no longer appropriate. The roof needs to be completely redone.

As loving stewards of their historic home, they looked at replacing the roof with slate and realized very quickly that this was not feasible for them due to the cost of approximately \$90,000.00 (half of the current value of their home). They are approaching retirement age and taking on a new debt of this size isn't possible. As a next step, they looked into a material that looked very similar to the slate and was less than a third of the cost. The material is asphalt and is the same tone and color as the slate. They have interviewed several contractors and have found a reputable contractor to do the roof replacement.

Anne and Ned are extremely responsible homeowners and have done numerous repairs and restorations to their home. Their home is lovingly taken care of and the yard and house are always immaculate. Over the years, they have been extremely active participants in our neighborhood adding so much value. Anne has served on the HCNI board and their home has been on our annual home tour numerous times.

I am strongly in favor of granting them a Certificate of Appropriateness to be able to move forward and replace their roof with the asphalt roofing material that appears very similar to the slate. I have viewed the material and I find it aesthetically pleasing and acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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