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**Subject:** 2581 N Terrace COA proposal

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October 29, 2019

RE: Proposal relating to a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of Solatubes on the roof of 2581 N. Terrace Ave., due to be heard on November 4th.

To the Historic Preservation Commission,

My house is 2 doors south of the applicant's property.

I am strongly opposed to this resolution for Solatube installation for two reasons.

As a residential and multi-use property owner my tenant's experience with Solatube type equivalents is contrary to the applicant's representations. I have seen these roof penetrations as thermal liabilities. The interiors become hotter in direct sunlight which adds to the heat gain during the warm months and waste cooling energy. During the cool months there is heat loss since the R-value of tubular penetrations is substantially lower than the R-value of an insulated roof. The applicant's supposed energy efficiency is essentially a parroting of the manufacturer's advertising ploy for products that are clearly limited to bringing light into interiors that are far removed from windows. The applicant's rooms have nominal dimensions and huge windows that would be no more than 6 to 7 feet from the tubes. This all seems to me to be boldly obvious and also common sense.

As for the inappropriateness to this historic district, the applicant's building is the least compatible standout in what otherwise is an architectural treasure of historical importance. All alterations both good and bad could remain in place for another century during which time they could either benefit or detract from the quality of this place. Unfortunately, a Solatube install would be a glaring detriment as it would violate historic architectural integrity. Certainly, the imposition of Solatubes would not be the reason other residents present and future choose to live in and lovingly maintain the rarity that is this historic gem of a neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Chester Daxe