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City of Milwaukee Historical Preservation Commission (HPC)
Patricia Keating Kahn, Chairperson, Anna-Marie Opgenorth, Vice-Chairperson,
Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Ann Pieper-Eisenbrown, Marion Clendenon-Acosta,
Blair Williams, Matthew Jarosz

Thank you for providing notice of the Historical Preservation Committee meeting on the **Resolution relating to a Certificate of Appropriateness for moving the Goll Mansion on its lot to accommodate new construction at 1550 N. Prospect Avenue for Interesting Prospect, LLC, Christopher Adams.**

I object to the proposed move for three important reasons that are in line with your committee's concerns. They are first the integrity of the mansion, second the character of the Goll property, and third the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

First, I'm concerned whether the integrity of the 1898 mansion will be maintained in not just one, but two moves. While structures of age have been moved successfully by the experts in the field, the risk here is greater due to its 118 year old construction and its delicate condition. To attempt to move this dear English manor house twice is to risk twice losing it altogether. As dedicated members of the HPC, I trust your main concern is the longevity of this significant building, and I support that position.

Second, the character of the Goll property won't be enhanced by relocating the historical mansion, simply to have a mammoth modern high-rise as its backdrop. Instead, it will detract from the exterior beauty and grandeur of the Elizabethan/Jacobean home as a stand alone historic building on the site it was originally built on. Maintaining the historic character of the property is a concern you, as HPC members, are sure to have foremost on your minds, and I appreciate that.

Third, the aesthetic appeal of the mansions still standing on the East Side add to the ambiance of our neighborhood. Altering the Goll Mansion property by dwarfing it in a shadow of another structure would be such a shame and lessen the beauty experienced by pedestrians who go by it each day. If you haven't as of yet, take a stroll along Prospect Avenue and I believe you'll appreciate the richness projected by the majestic homes of days gone by as much as I do.

In summary, I urge you as protectors of our city's architectural history, to keep the Goll Mansion home on it's original foundation for the three reasons I've outlined. If the Goll Mansion is moved, it will be forever changed, but not for the better, and perhaps not even left standing at all. This resolution, and the subsequent proposed development, is not sympathetic to the historic character of the property. Please preserve the joy of living along this beautiful avenue with its wonderful old estates. As HPC members it's up to you to protect the Goll Mansion as it stands, and vote against this resolution!

Respectfully,

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