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Subject: EXTERNAL -1103 S. Center St.
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--Help Desk

I'm a neighbor on S. Center St., and I'm writing for two reasons:

- * To thank you for rescuing the condemned house at 1103 S. Center; and
- * To ask that you please change your renovation plans so this house doesn't stand out like an eyesore in our block otherwise full of historically preserved, architecturally appropriate homes.

I know that the zoning meetings take place next week, but I feel that this email is a more appropriate way to communicate my thoughts. I don't have any objections to changing this house to an R-2 designation; I've lived here for 32 years, and I'm pretty sure it's already been used as a two-family dwelling in the past. R-1 or R-2 isn't the issue. The issue is that in your renovations you've completely stripped away the house's historical feel; you must have noticed the other houses on our block, and how yours is the only one to have completely boarded up the windows on the south side and to have retained nothing of the original turn-of-the-century charm. Instead of bringing this house back to life, you've turned it into the perfect example of nondescript low-income housing. As such, it does not belong on our block. If every house on our block were taken over and redone in a similar manner, Terre Haute would lose a source of pride and one of its more attractive features.

On your website, you mention "our beautifully restored and renovated units, each with its own charm and character." Please live up to your own PR and give this house some of its beauty back. Even simply restoring some windows on the south side would make a huge difference. Does affordable housing need to be lavishly renovated? Of course not, but surely there's a compromise between what you currently are planning and what is possible.

Sincerely,

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