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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Woodbridge Farm, 4217 Lincoln Street
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Dear Historic District Commission Board of Directors and Staff,

We, the Board of Directors of the Woodbridge Farm Historic Neighborhood District, are sending this email/letter as enthusiastic support for our neighbors, Jodi Trombley and Dan Polovina, and their continued investment in our neighborhood. This project has the utmost support by all of us in the Woodbridge Farm Historic Neighborhood.

We believe that since Jodi and Dan are using 4217 Lincoln as a single-family dwelling, their plans to convert the two-entry stoop exterior into a single porch lends itself to a safer and enjoyable situation for their very young family. After reviewing their plans, we also find the design appropriate and are excited by the visual improvement it would add to our neighborhood.

Jodi and Dan have been diligent in their process to ensure historic appropriateness—from hiring an architect who is sensitive to the historical requirements, contacting your office early to learn how to comply with the steps to ensure approval and working with the city's Building and Safety office.

As a historically designated neighborhood, we appreciate your role in enforcing the guidelines to maintain the historic integrity throughout our neighborhood. We ask that you also recognize that as the needs of the people who invest and move into the homes in our neighborhood, that you carefully consider the changes that they are proposing to ensure their enduring viability and enjoyment of the homes that they have invested in for themselves, and the beautification of our neighborhood.

With your guidance and support, I am certain that they will make the right decisions to maintain the historical integrity that means so much to us here in Woodbridge Farm. To deny their plans would be unfortunate as I know they are most vested in making this work for us all. To maintain the current design as a two-dwelling home makes little sense. The interior programming of the house should be reflected on the exterior with a single porch and lend an additional outdoor living space that they will enjoy safely and beautifully for a long time to come.

In our block on Lincoln Street between Willis and Calumet, each home is a single-family dwelling unit with porches that span across the width of our homes. It would be wonderful to extend approval to Jodi and Dan to have the same type of porch setting that the rest of us currently enjoy.

My husband and I also invested in this neighborhood starting in 2005 as we worked with your offices and experts. We have enjoyed the quality of our lives here and appreciate the role you have had in helping to make sure that we, our neighbors and potential developers, maintain the originally intended aesthetic of our homes and landscapes. We are forever grateful.

We thank you for your time and your careful consideration.
Thank you so very much. We are happy to discuss this situation further should you feel it necessary.

With much appreciation and kind regards,
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