

## Jennifer Ross

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Hello Ms. Ross,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my neighbor **Ms. Akosua Barthwell Evans who resides at 2035 West Boston Blvd and 2027 West Boston Blvd**. I have been informed that an anonymous complaint has been filed against Ms. Evans, suggesting that the exterior lights on her home are non-compliant with historical standards.

I am not sure why this has come up as an issue at this point. Ms. Evans' family has owned this home for over 50 years and she has personally resided in the home for at least 30 years. I've known and have been a neighbor to her for almost 20 years. That said, I am not sure why these lights would be at issue now. She has a beautiful home and has been a respectful steward of the home and this community. **These lights are on every evening, I see them from my home, and they are not offensive.**

Further, it is important to note that we all still live in Detroit. While we have a beautiful neighborhood, safety and welfare considerations must be taken into account. Many of the neighbors have installed lights and cameras for security. In fact, we are encouraged by the Historic Boston Edison Association ("HBEA") to light up our homes to prevent crime.

Ms. Evans is a great friend and leader in the neighborhood. I feel awful that she is being challenged on this most insignificant issue. There are bigger challenges to be concerned with and many more neighbors blatantly disregard historical standards in more significant ways. As an example, I live next door to a blighted home at 2000 W Boston Blvd and an unresponsive investor owner who has left it derelict for the last 3 years. These issues should be the focus of those who so boldly complain anonymously. It is my view that if security lights are challenged, then you will have more cases to consider than Ms. Evans because everyone has bright security lights and cameras. Further, there are greater issues than this to be resolved.

Thank you for reading, and feel free to reach out with any questions. My mobile is 248-520-4035.

Respectfully,

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