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Hi Gaby, I wanted to share this letter that I received in the mail at my home, the other day from Sari Escovitz. I am trying to think if there is a good way to de-escalate things because the attacks and conspiracy theories are getting just awful. I will call you next week because I have some questions about the appeal process, etc.

Thanks for all your help!  
Ashley Ackerman

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Subject: 15 W. Del Norte

Ms. Ackerman,

I'm a neighbor across the street from your property. I attended the virtual meeting on 8/3 and have the following questions for you to consider since you are such a devoted mother:

Why would a caring mother want to bring her children into a neighborhood for a "fresh start" when the neighbors are unanimously opposed to construction because of its negative impact on their quality of life and property values?

Why would a caring mother want to bring up her children next to the Couchman's rental and air bnb where you will never know, from day to day, who is around your children? Why would you want them to experience the vile language and loud partying we neighbors have been subjected to?

Why would a caring mother want her children to grow up with no yard to play in, next to a busy alley and street when there are so many more family friendly options available in Colorado Springs for the same or less cost?

Why would a caring mother of a medically fragile child want to live far from Colorado's best children's hospital located on the north end of Colorado Springs?

When I raised these questions, other attendees and neighbors gave me the answer: Contrary to your "on the record" representations, you do not intend to reside at 15 W. Del Norte. This is a business investment in non-owner occupied short and long term rentals, just like that of your friends, the Couchman's. It is obvious just from the state of neglect of your vacant lot (trash and weeds) that you have no concern for the neighborhood.

The evidence shows that you're just interested in what you can get out of the property financially. Well, as a businessperson, you may want to consider how well you will do financially marketing rental and vacation properties in a neighborhood that opposes what you are doing and the way you are doing it. Take a look at all the comments submitted for the 7/6 and 8/3 Historic Preservation Board hearings: unanimous opposition, no support.

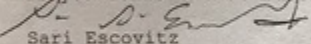
We have neighbors on both sides of Del Norte who are suffering because

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of the Couchman's conversion of a single family residence into a rental business. There is a retired couple that saved for their dream retirement home who are now stressed out by noise, cars and obscenities. There is a widowed mother of two young children who now has to worry about her children's safety and her property value. My next-door neighbors are a retired, disabled Air Force couple who oppose your project; next to them is a retired couple with significant health issues. We all have stories of tragedy and hardship and we all oppose the additional problems your project poses.

Please reconsider you development project for 15 W. Del Norte and withdraw your application. Your lot could be developed into a one or one and half story charming residence with landscaping on all sides that would be size appropriate to the lot and contribute to, instead of exploiting, the Old North End. The occupants of such a neighborhood addition would be welcomed and cherished as true neighbors.

Thank you for considering the above. Please feel free to contact me if you believe that further communication would be helpful.

  
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