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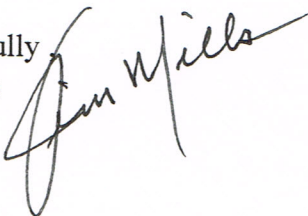
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Re: 219 E Washington Ave.

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of E Washington Ave, I am writing to express my approval with regards to demolishing the home at 219 E Washington Ave.

The property in question is directly across the street from my home and is an eyesore at best. Therefore, it is my position that the stay on demolition be lifted.

Sincerely,

J. Gregory Keller
Resident
218 E Washington Avenue
Kirkwood, MO 63122

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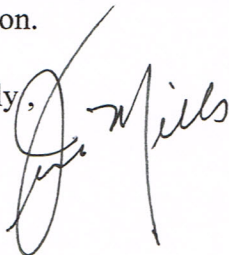
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400 N. TAYLOR Ave.
ADDRESS

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City of Kirkwood Zoning Codes

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