

April 26, 2026

City of Bay St. Louis  
Bay St. Louis Historical Preservation Commission  
688 Highway 90  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Re: Letter of Support – Olsen Property at 204 St. George Street

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing to express my full support for the request by the owners of the property located at 204 St. George Street (the "Olsen Cottage") to remove the existing structure and construct a new home that is more consistent with the historic character of Old Town Bay St. Louis.

As the owners of the property across the street at 207 St. George Street, we have a vested interest in the continued preservation and enhancement of our neighborhood. We are currently designing the renovation of our 1890 Creole Cottage and will be coordinating with the Bay St. Louis Historical Preservation Commission, with the goal of restoring and preserving the architectural integrity that defines this area.

While the Olsen property is located in a historically significant district, the existing structure does not reflect the architectural style or historical character that is representative of Old Town Bay St. Louis. Its current condition and mismatched design detract from the cohesive historic streetscape that residents and the City of Bay St. Louis have worked diligently to preserve.

The Olsen family's intention to replace the existing structure with a thoughtfully designed home that aligns with the historic aesthetic of the neighborhood should be viewed as a positive and forward-thinking investment. New construction, when properly designed in accordance with historic guidelines, can significantly enhance the visual continuity of the street, reinforce the cultural identity of the district, and contribute to the long-term preservation goals of the community.

In addition, we understand that maintaining a footprint consistent with traditional development patterns may require limited dimensional flexibility. We would support a 9-foot rear setback variance to allow the new cottage to maintain a footprint similar to the original structure, provided the overall design remains consistent with the historic character of the neighborhood.

Furthermore, this project will have a meaningful impact on surrounding properties by:

- Improving the overall character and visual appeal of St. George Street
- Supporting and complementing nearby historic renovations, including our own

- Strengthening property values within the neighborhood
- Advancing the shared objective of maintaining Old Town Bay St. Louis as a historically cohesive and vibrant area

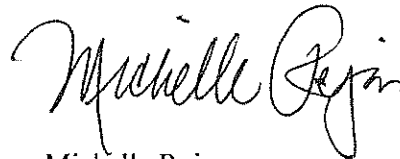
We respectfully encourage the City of Bay St. Louis and the Historic Preservation Commission to support the Olsen family's request. Their commitment to constructing a home that better reflects the historic nature of Bay St. Louis represents an opportunity to enhance the integrity and value of our neighborhood for years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott Rojas  
207 St. George Street  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520



Michelle Rojas  
207 St. George Street  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

April 21, 2026

To whom it may concern:

RE: Jim and Mary Olsen Variance, 206 St George Street

My wife, Marilyn and I reside at 208 St George street adjacent to Jim and Mary Olsen. The lots on our side of St George Street in the 200 block are very small and therefore require variances to accommodate building homes. We understand the necessity to build closer to the property line than allowed by the zoning ordinance. We whole heartedly support their request for a rear yard variance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Gouguet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wayne Gouguet

601-916-1471

From: Tracey Park traceypark50@yahoo.com  
Subject: Olsen Application for variance  
Date: May 6, 2026 at 3:40:21 PM  
To: hailtomary@aol.com

My home is directly behind them and I do not object to the request. They are great neighbors and I am happy to have them in the neighborhood.

Tracey Gunderson 🐟 🧑 🏠  
209 Demontluzin

April 24, 2026

I am in support of the variance request made by Jim and Mary Olsen at 204 St George Street. I live at 205 St George Street directly across the street from the Olsen's House.



Don King

Sent from my iPhone

April 16, 2026

Bay St. Louis zoning committee  
Re. zoning variance

Dear Sir or Madam

I have a home at 200 Saint George Street. I am the next-door neighbor of Jim and Mary Olsen who reside at 204 Saint George Street.

I am writing this letter in support of their request for a zoning variance. I understand this variance request will be for 9 feet in the rear of the property for the construction of a new home.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can reach me at 337-781-6574.

Thank you for your consideration.



Ivan LaFrance