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601 Citizen Street Variance Request

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To [redacted]
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We are writing to express our opposition to a request for a variance at 601 Citizen Street. As we recall, the lot in question was created by a recent subdivision of the property to the north which was divided into 3 lots, and the house was subsequently built. The code clearly states that the rear yard setback is 20 feet. For the City to reduce that setback to 2 feet is completely irresponsible. Several older houses behind our lot are non-conforming with little to no setback. At best it creates an awkward situation when houses are occupying what should be a setback, further crowding our property and the neighborhood. Furthermore, we do not enjoy the same fire protection created by proper setbacks. If any house behind us catches fire, then our property is certain to burn.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns for this variance request.

Sincerely,
Chris and Patricia Cheek