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Ms. Toni Wheeler
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6 East 6th Street
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Dear Ms. Wheeler:

We support and agree fully with the conservation easement you have provided. We bought the land originally to preserve it, and that task has become paramount now that almost all other lots have been developed. Our west lot (Lot 16 of Tiffany Addition No. 2, a replat of Tiffany Addition) is the only place animals have to transfer between the two wooded areas of Dad Perry Park and the Hidden Valley Girl Scout Camp. Deer, bobcats, coyotes, raccoons, opossums, foxes, butterflies, turtles, snakes, skinks, pack rats, a variety of amphibians, turkeys, vultures, kestrels, hawks, egrets, herons, hummingbirds, several species of owls and woodpeckers, as well as many songbirds use both areas for food, water and nests. We find animal tracks constantly on our two lots.

Thus, we welcome the city's willingness to award a conservation easement. Our contiguous neighbors support the easement completely, as do our son and daughter-in-law who will inherit the house and two lots upon our deaths.

We will continue to mow the front of the lot as well as police the area for trash, and we pledge to abide by the easement conditions.

Cordially,

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