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Hello Clerk Edwards,

Could you please share the email below with city council members? Thank you very much!  
Margaret

Dear City Council Member,

I'm writing to voice my strong support for a historic preservation ordinance in Terre Haute. At least 42 municipalities in Indiana currently have this type of protection for their architectural heritage. Terre Haute is long overdue, and unfortunately it shows. The number of buildings already lost is staggering.

Residents of Terre Haute's historic neighborhoods have to fight constantly in order to prevent inappropriate renovations and infill (e.g. the recent renovation at College St. and S. Center which removed 15 windows). It's exhausting, and it should not be this hard.

The status quo favors developers and landlords seeking to make a profit over the interests of individual homeowners who have invested time, money, and care into maintaining and improving our properties.

Those opposed to ordinances like this often state that this will raise costs. Yet there is abundant evidence that historic preservation ordinances are an economic benefit: stabilizing neighborhoods, increasing property values, and encouraging investment.

I will note that the case for preservation has already been publicly made by government and business leaders (see Terre Haute Plan, where historic preservation is mentioned numerous times).

Right now these are largely empty words, and it's time for that to change.

Please vote to approve the historic preservation ordinance (as currently written) when it comes up for a vote in city council.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Hurdlik