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This written testimony comes from Erik Peissig, one of the owners of the 1644 Bush Avenue residence, located immediately West of the property (ZF #21-263-294, 1648 Bush AVE) under review.

I truly wish the current owner of the property the best, and realize the current housing market leaves sellers able to move quickly to sell their homes for high market value prices. In our humble opinion, the home under review is best suited as a **single-home family dwelling**. Below are several observations our household wanted to share in regards to the hearing being held on June 3, 2021.

1. For the past several years, it has appeared that multiple families have inhabited the property. Off-street has been an ongoing persistent issue for this particular property, and at times it has seemed that up to 5 cars are regularly parked on the street at any given time. This has been especially burdensome in the winter months when snow removal is necessary for this residential area, particularly for morning and evening commutes. Neighbors on this street have had to call in vehicles belonging to this property to be ticketed/towed so that plows can successfully access the street area. And as you can imagine, the City is unable to respond immediately to said requests, so instead there were areas on the street near our home that were simply not plowed due to these vehicles remaining on the street. Similar issues would emerge when street cleaning/leaf removal plans were established too in other months.
2. While there is evidence for multidwellers based on photo evidence of the trash cans and recycle bins, these items seemed to be inconsistently used by the dwellers, based on our ongoing observations. For example - trash and/or recycling materials would repeatedly literally fall out of the bins, due to them being overloaded after several weeks of non-use. Due to our home's location on the street, some of the waste items would end up in our yard and driveway area. The lack of clarity we have had on homeownership/point of contact has made it difficult to establish a strong rapport and offer this feedback to the parties responsible, or to establish ideas for how we could help our neighbors bring their collection containers to the street.
3. Prior to the current owner owning the property, there appears to be significant internal property damage that has been cosmetically covered (e.g. rotting on exterior, near roof). We saw some of this after a significant storm that blew some of the fascia off the home on the Western side. These observations leave us to question the long-term capacity for this home as a place of residence, and though expensive we do *highly* recommend the structure be renovated. We'd recommend the owners renovate it as a single family dwelling to make the most of the space and driveway area.

Best,
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