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Dear Council members,

I am writing to ask you to retain the historic designation granted the South Branch Library. The process followed was legitimate and the evidence compelling. I believe hundreds of city residents also supported the result.

As a taxpayer I understand we want to wring every last penny out of city resources as possible, so maybe this appeal was made to put demolition back on the table which **might** result in more taxable development here. But the plan that was chosen will provide housing and taxable property while retaining the historic existing building and it's a good plan I think.

We also need to remember that we are in a climate crisis. We cannot afford to throw away decades of embodied carbon for a lesser return. In my opinion, every demolition planned should be stopped right now. And every plan to replace an old, refurbishable facility with a new one, tossed. No one seems to be willing to put the brakes on the old, wasteful, carbon-emitting ways but we have to do it at every opportunity I think. Keeping this building is the climate smart decision.

Keep historic designation here. Do not tear down any more buildings. Those are my requests.

Thank you.

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