From: <u>Christa Johnson - Town Manager</u>

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Subject: Fwd: Letter of Support for 65 Wellington

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Cc: Nick Hudson <a href="mailto:huddy320@gmail.com">huddy320@gmail.com</a> **Subject: Letter of Support for 65 Wellington** 

## Dear Town Council,

We are writing to express our support for the 65 Wellington Ave. project, which has recently come under scrutiny due to complaints filed. As residents of 66 Wellington, we believe it is important to provide a broader perspective on the matter.

While we understand some of the concerns raised by the complaints, we wish to highlight the significant benefits that construction projects bring to our neighborhood and the wider community of Wellington, Winship Park, and Ross.

First and foremost, reinvestment in properties enhances the overall quality of our community and contributes to a healthier housing stock. Properties that are brought up to modern standards not only improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood but also provide residents with safer and more comfortable living spaces. This is essential for maintaining the appeal and desirability of our neighborhood.

Furthermore, the recent surge in construction activity can be attributed to various factors such as record-low interest rates and the impact of the pandemic. These conditions have prompted many homeowners to embark on renovation projects, resulting in a positive revitalization of our community.

It is important to recognize that major home projects, like the one at 65 Wellington Ave., are often indicative of demographic shifts or changes in the economic environment. As such, they play a crucial role in adapting

our housing infrastructure to meet the evolving needs of our residents.

We can already see a slowdown in construction with the near completion of the 3 projects that were going on concurrently and is also representative of changes in the economic environment of higher interest rates and a slower real estate market. These projects all hit at the same time understandably, but things are entering a slow period and 65 Wellington should not be penalized for these trends in the ebbs and flows of the market.

We believe that the construction activity at 65 Wellington Ave. should be viewed as a positive contribution to our community. We urge the Town Council to consider the broader benefits of such projects and to continue supporting initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing efforts to maintain our beautiful community.

Sincerely, SEPSEP Nicholas & Alexandra Hudson