

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

Thank you for all the efforts you have made to guide Ryan and Mallory through this process. We thought in addition to the house plan, it would be helpful for you to know our motivation to build a home in Crescent Hill. When I was thirty-seven, I became suddenly ill with a complex series of neurological and cardiovascular symptoms. Unfortunately, I had this undiagnosed, disabling illness for three years before we learned that it was neurological Lyme disease. After intense treatment, I made significant progress, but not a recovery. My doctor determined that I have a gene which makes me highly susceptible to any toxins, but particularly mold. The undetected mold in our apartment was making me ill. In order to find healing, we had to get rid of everything exposed to the mold that couldn't be cleaned. At the same time, we tried to buy multiple homes in the area, only to discover that all had high mold levels. We finally found an apartment in Clifton which didn't have mold. Amazingly after 5 years of illness, treatment coupled with being in a mold free environment has brought to a place of stable health. After much research, we have determined the safest way to protect my health is to build a home following careful mold preventive measures.

We need to build a house, but we want to invest in the city of Louisville and the community in Crescent Hill. We love the history of this area and the sense of connectedness with people. Before Covid-19, I spent many hours with retired friends doing water aerobics at Mary T. They were so welcoming and helped me feel connected to the neighborhood. Dave and I are both committed to being helpers in the world. He works as a Data Scientist at Humana and uses those skills to support the medical clinics put on through Seed to Oaks in Shelby Park. I am not able to work full time yet, but I worked as a tutor with Langsford Learning Center and volunteer to teach at our church. In our free time, we love to spend time at the amazing parks nearby and hang out with friends. We want this to be our forever home and to building lasting relationships in this community.

We are aware of the concerns several people have about the construction of a home on South Galt. I know it is difficult to trust other people, but we would never compromise the safety or home of anyone. We have walked through each step of the building process with Palmer Cole of Bentley homes and he will be available to answer any questions you or the neighbors might have. We also plan to pay for foundation inspections to be performed for neighbors (S. Galt: 313, 317, 319; Franck: 306, 308, 310) prior to any construction. This will help ensure all parties have proper protection in place in the rare event that an issue should arise during construction.

In order to understand our neighbors' concerns more fully, we would like to request copies of the communication you received from them since under normal circumstance we would have been able to hear from them directly.

Thanks for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dave and Beth Mack