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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Heritage Property at 1927 Richmond St

Dear Planning & Environment Committee Members:

I was very disappointed to learn of the request to remove the heritage status of the house at 1927 Richmond Street and then demolish it. It is a very unique home and a distinctive landmark in north London. I have been in this home. Elaine Winder, the sister of Dixon Winder invited me to visit there. I had a long chat with the late Mervin Johnson at the home. Merv was a former Deputy Police Chief and a first cousin of Elaine and Dixon. Merv was quite interested in the history of older homes. He had lots of stories about homes in West Nissouri Township where I lived. I think Merv would not be happy about the lost of this property. This property is important as a reminder of other estates that existed along Richmond St. for which London was well known. It is unfortunate there are large apartment buildings nearby; however, they don't diminish the historical importance of this property, but rather emphasize the importance of saving some remnants of London's extraordinary past.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Paul Stevens