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Planning and Environment Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Ave.
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Dear Planning and Environment Committee members,

**RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING
REQUEST FOR DEMOLITION – 172 Central Avenue**

The preferred option is heritage designation of 172 Central Avenue to preserve this understated c1880s Italianate style home, as it has both architectural and historical merit. It is my opinion that the demolition request for 172 Central Avenue should be denied.

The front façade exemplifies some excellent Italianate features and in addition has a very balanced symmetry.

It was the home of Dr. Dr. Oronhyatekha, one of the first Indigenous medical doctors in Canada, who became a member and later prominent figure, then leader of the Independent Order of Foresters, a fraternal and financial institution. Later residents of note were Tony (Canadian painter) and Jane (Canadian novelist and poet) Urquhart from 1968 until 1972.

It is important to have a tangible physical landmark to visit and know its' history rather than just another plaque to be read on the site.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views on this important heritage issue.

Sincerely yours,

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