

A neighbor's opinion regarding changes at 418 Burlington Ave. and PB-49-18

My wife Marnie and I reside at 422 Burlington Ave directly north of 418 Burlington Ave. One of our main reasons for purchasing in the area was the historic styling of the houses in the neighborhood. We believe that much of the value in our home is established by the context of the neighborhood as a whole and have had many favorable comments from friends, family, and people passing by in respect of this.

While 418 has not been maintained to the levels of other houses on the street, relatively minor clean-up of the front facade would restore the very attractive Queen Ann styling of this home. At the same time, we are apprehensive about forced building requirements for our neighbor but believe that it is in the neighborhoods interest, and the city's, to maintain the historical context of this corridor to the lake as described in PB-49-18 but perhaps without the requirement to maintain the existing structure but rather to ensure that the replacement structure façade is in accordance with this context.

Sincerely,

Ross and Marnie Hamilton