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**To:** [Planning Commission Comments](#)  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Planning Commission,

Regarding the request for an 8' high fence for the property at 2606 Highland Av., as a neighbor of the property who walks past this house many times during the day I strongly believe this would be a highly inappropriate modification to permit and a horrible addition to the area. The house already has a narrow front yard set back that places the building very close to the sidewalk. Both the sidewalk and the parkway are also very narrow. The structure has a current fortress-like interface with the street that is harsh and uninviting in it's present condition; the 8' tall fence will only compound this severe architectural eye-sore even further. The owner purchased the house knowing full well it's current design and the current regulations regarding non-conforming fences. The buyer went ahead with the purchase anyway. It is not for the neighbors to absorb a further denigration of this corner lot because the owner made an ill-advised decision that she/he has come to regret.

Our city has worked long and hard to develop fair and equitable regulations regarding the height of fences walls and hedges. It would be a gross travesty of those efforts to grant this applicant the requested modifications. I understand that in certain circumstances a modification of this kind should be permitted. This is clearly and fundamentally not one of them. I implore you not to approve this request for the sake of our beloved neighborhood and for the sake of all who follow this applicant who might use it as a precedent to ask for the same. Please do the right thing and deny this modification request.

Regards,

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