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PROJECT:

Barker Residence - K2513

434 Chatauqua Ave.

Norman, OK

**HOMEOWNERS:** 

Kash and Nina Barker

Dear Brenda Hall:

Norman homeowners, Kash and Nina Barker, would like to file an appeal to a recent Certificate of Appropriateness denial made by the City of Norman's Historic Preservation Commission.

As their architect, Krittenbrink Architecture has worked with the homeowners to develop what we feel to be historically appropriate and necessary modifications to the house at 434 Chatauqua.

While we understand the guidelines set forth by the Commission, we feel that the proposed modifications would restore the home to an earlier form, and therefore, preserving the history of the home. The existing home, although old, has features not inherent to architectural design of the time, nor the craftsmanship required to maintain a life cycle that the Commission is said to protect.

In our research, we have found hard evidence that the mansard roof was added to the original house at some point. The Commission agreed the mansard had been added, but contests that the mansard has been there long enough to have acquired historical significance. The homeowners believe they should be the ones to choose which history is worth preserving. By removing the added mansard, we will restore the structure to its original form (color rendering).

We would like to make our case to the City Council in hopes we may move forward with the proposed work, and furthermore, the overall enrichment of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Hollie Hunt, Project Manager Krittenbrink Architecture, LLC.

cc: Kash and Nina Barker

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