

Honorable Raleigh City Council,

On behalf of the Raleigh Regional Association of REALTORS® (RRAR) we thank you for acknowledging our concern with a recent ruling by the Board of Adjustment to halt the construction of the Louis Cherry and Marsha Gordon House at 516 Euclid Street in Raleigh.

RRAR is the voice of real estate and private property rights in the Raleigh Region. Generally, RRAR does not get involved with specific property owner disputes; however, we feel this case sets a precedent for Raleigh and other jurisdictions to grant the right of an appeal after the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) has been granted. Furthermore, the applicant complied with all the Raleigh Historic Development Commission's (RHDC) standards, received a COA, and is 80% through the construction phase.

An appeal to halt construction at this time based on a decision by the Board of Adjustment is unnecessary, unfair, and jeopardizes private property rights.

RRAR opposes this type of local government ruling and encourages the Raleigh City Council to appeal to the Superior Court to overturn the Board of Adjustment's decision to halt construction of the Louis Cherry and Marsha Gordon House as this could have an adverse effect on the predictability of future residential construction projects throughout our area. Please feel free to contact Christopher MacDonald, Director of Government Affairs, with any questions at <a href="mailto:christopherm@rrar.com">christopherm@rrar.com</a> or 919-654-5400

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service!

Sincerely,

Mollie Owen 2014 RRAR President