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Mayor William Baarsma

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Members of the City Council
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Dear Mayor Baarsma and Council Members,

We, the West Slope Neighborhood Coalition (WSNC), request the City's assistance in initiating the process of establishing a West Slope Historic District. This process has grown from a grass roots effort, begun two years ago; culminating in a vote at our annual October full-membership meeting that we should pursue historic designation with the city as a "Mid-Century Architecture" neighborhood. We propose that this district cover the area known as "Narrowmoor", bordered by Geiger/Meyer Streets on the east, Sunset Drive on the west, 6th Avenue on the north, and 19th Street on the south. This area encompasses about 350 Homes. (Please see map, attached)

The history of this unique residential development provides a glimpse into one of the most vital periods of the twentieth century - the years immediately following the end of World War II. In a very real way, it was the war itself that brought together the individuals who created Narrowmoor, as well as providing the aesthetic, cultural, economic, and technological setting for its realization. It is a pioneering modernist style of architecture influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and other prominent national and local architects that should be preserved. In the past two years at least 2 homes have been demolished, the resulting new construction is totally incompatible with the existing dominant architecture of the neighborhood. We are extremely concerned about losing the character of this unique neighborhood as development pressures continue to rise.

We respectfully request a resolution authorizing the City's Historic Preservation Officer to proceed with the initial Data collection and Research necessary to establish this for the benefit of the City of Tacoma.

Respectfully,

David Zurfluh
Chairman, WSNC

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