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Subject: DS 24207, 24208 & 24209 (Hermle-Collins): Mission Street

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Dear Jake ... please forward the below letter to the planning commissioners and include my letter in the public correspondence. Thank you, Julie Wendt

Dear Chair LePage and Commissioners,

This project raises the bar for Carmel's excellence in architecture. The excellence is in the quality of design, materials, attention to detail, sensitivity to the site and topography, all while preserving the neighbor's views and privacy.

The three Mission Sisters follow the gradual slope of Mission Street. There are no looming structures. Even the two story home is lower in height than a one story house by taking advantage of its sloping lot. The street elevation setbacks are generous, and the way the homes weave in and out of the trees and landscaping is remarkable.

Erik has obviously put his heart and soul into the Mission Sisters, and I believe this will be an award-winning project. It is in the Carmel tradition of bringing unique design to the neighborhood. We all love to walk the residential streets of Carmel. The magic is in discovering different architectural styles. That is the history and culture of Carmel's residential neighborhoods, and Carmel has representative architecture from each decade.

The Mission Sisters follow another well-known and admired tradition, which is a small cluster of homes designed by the same architect, but each of the homes are differentiated. They are Comstock Hill, Henry Hill's Three Sisters on Lopez, and Jon Koningsofer's Sand & Sea. All of these clusters are admired and celebrated today. I hope you will include the Mission Sisters among them.

As a former planning commissioner, I would not change anything. I know you will recognize the understated elegance of the Mission Sisters and the sensitivity the entire project brings to its surroundings. There is nothing in the design that is ostentatious or overpowering. The window sizes are integral to the design, and they bring the garden into the home. I hope you will unanimously approve the Mission Sisters as proposed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Julie Wendt