

NEAR WEST SIDE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BALLOT

Must be received by October 5, 2022

Ballots or written comments must be received via a mailed envelope or other sealed means to the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, P.O. Box 100, Bloomington, IN 47402. Ballots will be date-stamped when received. **Ballots received after October 5, 2022 will not be accepted (postmarks do not count).**

My property is currently part of the Near West Side Conservation District. The Near West Side Conservation District will automatically elevate in status to a historic district unless a majority of property owners in the district object to the commission, in writing, to the elevation to a historic district. The elevation to a historic district provides greater protections for the characteristics of a district. However, these protections result in more strict requirements such as those detailed below for review and approval by the City of Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission. Additional information on the distinction between conservation and historic districts can be obtained by reviewing Title 8 of the Bloomington Municipal Code or contacting the Historic Preservation Program Manager in the HAND Department.

Conservation District:

- A certificate of appropriateness must be issued by the commission before a permit is issued for, or work is begun on, any of the following:
 - The moving of any building,
 - The demolition of any building, or
 - Any new construction of a principal building or accessory building or structure subject to view from a public way.

Local Historic District:

- A certificate of appropriateness must be issued by the commission before a permit is issued for, or work is begun on, any of the following:
 - The demolition of any building,
 - The moving of any building,
 - A conspicuous change in the exterior appearance of any historic building or any part of or appurtenance to such a building, including walls, fences, light fixtures, steps, paving, and signs by additions, reconstruction, alteration, or maintenance involving exterior color change if cited by individual ordinance,
 - Any new construction of a principal building or accessory building or structure subject to view from a public way;
 - A change in walls and fences, or the construction of walls and fences along public ways,
 - A conspicuous change in the exterior appearance of non-historic buildings subject to view from a public way by additions, reconstruction, alteration and/or maintenance involving exterior color change;

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By submitting my vote, I agree that I understand the above information. **Only one vote per property owner in the District regardless of number of properties owned.** If there are multiple names on a deed, each deed holder will be permitted one vote.

Indicate whether you **OBJECT** to or **ACCEPT** elevation to a historic district.

_____ **I OBJECT TO DISTRICT ELEVATION TO A HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

_____ **I ACCEPT DISTRICT ELEVATION TO A HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

_____ Printed name of property owner

_____ Signature of property owner

Property Address(s) _____

*The votes will be tallied after the October 5, 2022 deadline. Ballot result will be sent to you via mail by December 4, 2022.