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Below is a copy of the letter I just sent to each city council member and to the Mayor. I am grateful to the Southmoreland Neighborhood Association and to Historic Kansas City Foundation for working to save this house!

Kay Boehr

Kansas City's beautiful and historic neighborhoods draw people into the city. We live here because we love our homes and our neighborhoods. Although I respect the rights of the individual homeowner, the truth is that the neighborhood also has the right to set standards for development and standards for individual homes. What an owner does with his property affects the property values of the neighbors, as well as the overall quality of the neighborhood. Mistakes have been made in past, such tearing down houses to build high rises, but these mistakes do not need to be repeated. The city council is elected to listen to the will of their constituents, and your constituents do not want to see this beautiful house demolished, especially since there are no acceptable plans to replace it.

I respectfully request your support in voting YES on the local historic designation of the George B. Richards Residence at 4526 Warwick Boulevard. The Kansas City Historic Preservation Commission unanimously recognized this property as a good example of the Classical Revival Style. Kansas City's significant homes must be given the opportunity to be restored, renovated, or repurposed before resorting to drastic measures like demolition. The demolition of this home would impact our culturally rich neighborhood in negative ways.

- **Keeping the home intact is essential to the value of the home.** The highest and best use of this property is to keep the home on the site, and use it for single family use, or as adaptive reuse, such as the Jannes Library, at 4538 Warwick Boulevard, or the Truitt at 4320 Oak Street.
- **Our city founders designed our parks and boulevards to create beautiful neighborhoods.** This is the only single-family home remaining on Warwick Boulevard near the historic Southmoreland Park.
- **The owner and the prospective buyer have no plans for the property beyond the demolition of the home.** No development plans have been shared with the neighborhood or filed with the City.
- **The community will not accept another vacant lot.** Southmoreland now has over six acres of vacant lots between 44th and 46th Street. Vacant lots in our neighborhood become places for tent encampments, which have spurred an increase in property crimes, and endangered the safety of students, visitors, and residents.

Please preserve the fabric of our historic, culturally rich Southmoreland neighborhood and approve the local historic designation of 4526 Warwick Boulevard to the City Council.

Sincerely,
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