

24 St Lawrence

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Good morning Planning folks,

I have struggled with the current plans to demolish 24 St Lawrence St because at first blush, I feel a sense of guilt.

My husband and I built a home under the old R6, which impacted our neighbors. However, I would point out:

1. We did not demo a building to build. Our lot had held a four, story apt building until the 70's when it had a fire and was razed by the city.
2. We put our garage in the back, not on the street.
3. We installed massive and strong retaining walls to protect our neighbors.
4. We have a huge yard out back and plenty of green space and a porch on the street.
5. We worked hard with our architect and the city to maintain some architectural conformity with the houses on North St.
6. We went to a lot of trouble to save the tree that was there (ultimately it didn't survive and we worked with Jeff Tarling to replace it)

So, do we have a leg to stand on in our opposition to this project? I think we do because we built our house as a home, not a business opportunity.

Please keep vigilant as you consider this project. There's always room for compromise and the results will be better in the long run.

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