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Narrative- New Backyard Cottage

To whom it may concern,

As the owners and occupants of 59 Albion Street, we are proposing a new Backyard Cottage on our private residence's lot per the new Zoning Ordinance approved in December of 2019. Please refer to submitted, stamped drawings for full Zoning analysis and layout, elevations, and description of the proposed building, which meets all setback and dimensional requirements.

Our intended use for the proposed Backyard Cottage is an extension of our private family living space, including as a play space for our kids, workout space for adults, and an extension of our outdoor living areas. We do not intend to use the proposed building for a rental/ dwelling unit.

We also propose extensive improvements to the landscape; the current yard space is not very useable, but our proposed location for the Backyard Cottage fixes this by consolidating green area to one large open space. Re-work of the site will also include shortening the driveway (currently 4 cars deep) to only two cars, and as we are on sloped site, we will be adding significant drainage mitigation to handle rainwater. Our Green Score is improved by these measures, and we will be adding numerous trees and plants where there were none previously.

We are grateful to have full support from our neighbors and our Ward Councilor, and we are excited to be reaching one of the final steps in this long Site Plan Review process and appreciate your consideration.

Kate and Daryl St Laurent