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City of Lawrence, Douglas County  
Planning & Development Services  
The Historic Resources Commission

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City County Planning Office  
Lawrence, Kansas

Re: 200 Nebraska Street, the Lee Zimmerman House

To Whom It May Concern:

I am unable to attend the public hearing relative to the nomination of the structure at 200 Nebraska Street, the Lee Zimmerman House, to be designated as a "Landmark on the Register of Historic Places".

However, I want to make it clear I am totally opposed to the nomination as there is no justification that I know of which would qualify the structure to be listed as "historic".

The land on which this structure is located was owned by my grandfather, W.C. Simons, and was pasture land, nothing historic. The park land immediately south of the structure in question was donated to the city to be used as a park to provide additional green space for the area.

I see no justification to designate the structure as "historic" and am anxious to read the staff report relative to this request. I am currently out of town and unable to access the report on line. The "historic" designation would tie the hands of many nearby property owners relative to improvements they might like to make on their homes. It certainly would affect what we might like to do on our property to enhance a truly "historic" building.

I'm sorry not to be able to be present for the public hearing but I am out of the state for a long-planned meeting.

Once more, there is nothing historic about the property or house at 200 Nebraska Street.

Sincerely,



Dolph C. Simons, Jr.  
2425 Vermont Street  
Lawrence KS 66046

**From:** Justin Kogl [<mailto:kogls@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 8:06 PM  
**To:** Lynne Zollner  
**Subject:** 200 Nebraska Street

Lynne,

Thank you for the communication sent to our house about our neighbor's application to be added to the Historic registry. Sorry I couldn't write earlier, but business has kept me busy. Please do not add this house to the Registry! The Zimmerman's created a wonderful house and it is certainly notable, but the last few owners have neglected the home and property. Kathy Zimmerman was a great neighbor and her pride in her home showed every day. Not anymore.

We are not sure why these neighbors want to add the home to the Registry, but we think it would have a negative impact on the neighborhood. Thank you for noting our opinion on the matter. Take care!

Justin & Michelle Kogl  
314 Nebraska Street

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Lynne Braddock Zollner  
Historic Resources Commission

April 28, 2017

Re: Zimmerman House  
200 Nebraska

As the applicant for this nomination we request that this item be placed as is back on the HRC agenda for review. While we appreciate HRC's interest in expanding the scope of significance to include significant persons connected with the property, we note that this will only add to the already documented reasons to place this property on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places. The nomination was not found to be deficient by HRC in terms of a base threshold for listing.

If HRC determines that there is enough documentation in the existing nomination to include the architect Warren C. Heylman, LPA would certainly be supportive. If not, and as for the Zimmermans, we note that additional documentation can be added for a listed property at any time.

We urge the HRC to complete the review of this nomination and recommend the property be placed on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

Dennis J Brown  
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