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City of Novi Zoning Board of Appeals Members and Representatives 45125 W 10 Mile Rd Novi, MI 48375

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals and Staff:

We are neighbors who previously raised objections to the variance to the property located at 1401 East Lake Drive where a variance to construct a new home was requested . We are objecting to the approved variance granted on Tuesday, Jun 8<sup>th</sup> and ask that the Board's decision be reconsidered. The reasons for our objections are outlined below and we respectfully ask that the Board consider them. Thanks in advance for your review.

We are objecting to the way in which a new, substantially larger home is proposed for construction on the property. We assert that this design will create a **practical difficulty** and deny surrounding homeowners **substantial justice**: the property values in the surrounding area will be diminished (our properties). We are <u>not</u> objecting to the size of the home being built, but rather <u>the way in which widening is proposed rather than heightening</u>. Widening will diminish the lake views from our properties and unjustly reduce our property values.

We support construction of a new home at 1401 East Lake drive and believe there are other options available that would better serve the collective homeowners in the area: mainly building upward rather than widening. This option grants the new homeowner the size and space he desires while not negatively affecting the surrounding properties, satisfying all concerned and affected homeowners.

Please consider the above and present to the homeowner, Joseph Yono, for consideration. <u>This</u> is a reasonable and viable alternative that will provide **substantial justice** for his neighbors and allow him to construct his new home as he desires.

Thanks so very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing back.

Lee Cohn

Sincerely,