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**CHNC PURPOSE
STATEMENT**

*Enhance and
strengthen the vitality
of our neighborhoods
by fostering a
participatory
community of
Informed, Engaged
and Empowered
residents working
together to improve
our neighborhoods.*

September 6, 2018

Ms. Kelsey Lindquist
Principal Planner
Salt Lake City Planning Division
By email

Re: PLNHLC2018-00557 & PLNHLC2018-00558

Dear Kelsey,

The Capitol Hill Community Council is writing in response to the planned development of the pump house on 4th Avenue and Canyon Rd. While the Council understands the need for safe potable drinking water for people in Salt Lake City, this project has been developed in a way that completely disregards the surrounding neighborhood context.

While facilities accommodating public utilities are not typically designed with anything other than a utilitarian view, the close quarters, historic existing structures, and high concentration of mature trees should be considered and included in design considerations. Of the ten structures immediately adjacent to the existing median/park, the newest structure was built in 1927. The design of the structure itself is offensive in its total disregard for the historic architectural context. A bare-bones utilitarian building has no place in this lovely pocket park amidst historic homes.

The six mature trees that the applicant is recommending removing are a vital environmental and visual asset that should not be destroyed. The trees would take decades to regrow. In a city that has significant air pollution problems on a regular and increasing basis, removal of large, healthy trees should be considered with a significant amount of concern. Their removal would also result in terrible degradation of the quality of the surrounding streets and properties.

The description of the project makes it sound that upgrades to the existing underground well are necessary. However, the design of these upgrades should take into consideration the existing, mature assets and not be smacked into a historic pocket park with complete disregard for the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Arellano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Arellano, Chair

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council