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Springfield, IL 62704  
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To whom it may concern-

I would like to voice my support for Tony Leone and for his efforts, past and present, in making the Pasfield House the jewel that it is today -- a showplace in which Springfield can take pride. His work since 1996 has made the entire Jackson Parkway area come alive again with the house as its centerpiece. Mr. Leone's current plans concerning landmarking and using the Pasfield House as a Bed and Breakfast Inn should be encouraged and supported. This is especially important in light of the Lincoln attractions in Springfield and the increase in tourism. The Pasfield House as a Bed and Breakfast Inn would increase tax revenues and encourage history buffs who want to lodge within walking distance of the State Capitol Complex, picturesque neighborhoods and the Lincoln Sites.

In giving my support I do not feel that I am just a casual admirer of old houses. From 1992 to the present I have served as the USPS Letter Carrier for Jackson Parkway. The Pasfield House, then #404, was, when I started delivering the route, chopped up into nine or so apartments. They were never all occupied, and by 1996 only two were occupied. To say that the house looked a bit seedy would be an understatement. Occasionally I would see evidence of drug activity on my daily rounds. It was very sad to see the depths to which such a grand home had descended.

Fortunately, that was the Before. Now we have the After. In the years between, I got to know Mr. Leone and literally had a ringside seat for the making of a true landmark. Through him and various newspaper stories I learned the history of the house and of the family who built it. I always felt that Mr. Leone was the right person at the right time to undertake the task at hand. I think his work has paid off, and the current state of the Pasfield House speaks for itself.

I encourage support for any future plans Mr. Leone has regarding the Pasfield House because he has a good track record, is a good neighbor, and a good citizen of the City of Springfield.

Sincerely,



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