

## Aaron Henson

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Dear Aaron Henson:

Please find attached my letter of opposition for PLVAR20210052.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristi Holmberg

March 15, 2021

Planning Division  
City of Bend  
PO Box 431  
Bend, OR 97709

Attn: Aaron Henson, AICP, Senior Planner

Re: Opposition to Residential Height Variance Request  
Project Number: PLVAR20210052

Dear Aaron Henson:

I am writing to express opposition to the request to exceed the maximum residential building height requested for this property. In short, developers should be required to build homes that comply with City codes. Presumably, much thought has gone in to developing the City building codes, which clearly outline the maximum height for structures, as well as requirements that lot sizes and structures be consistent with the existing neighborhood. This project proposes to violate these basic standards. It should be a rare exception for a variance to be approved. In this development alone, there are six variance requests pending at this time, and there may be more. Approving these requests would set a precedent for other projects in Bend neighborhoods, and quite frankly, would communicate to Bend residents that the City is willing to override it's own standards and reward poor planning on the part of the developers. Please consider the numerous letters from neighbors requesting that this variance request be denied. Homes that are designed to exceed the maximum height limits are not consistent with the current structures in the neighborhood, many of which are a single story. We ask that you protect and preserve the neighborhood by enforcing the building standards outlined in City codes.

**I do not agree with or support the height variance requested as part of project number PLVAR20210052 in the Marken Summit subdivision.**

Sincerely,

Kristi Holmberg