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Mr. Zach Rawling, President
The David & Gladys Wright House Foundation

Re: The importance of restoring and preserving the David and Gladys Wright House

Dear Mr. Rawling;

This spring I was honored to have you tour me through the David Wright House. I wish to thank you for this opportunity and was completely surprised at the condition of the house and your Foundation's efforts in making this important architectural monument available to the Phoenix community and public.

Although I did my architectural apprenticeship in Phoenix and had worked on the Biltmore Hotel with Wes Peters and the Taliesin Architects in the mid 1970's I was unaware of this wonderful house by Wright and the significance of this project in the historic context of Wright's later work.

I brought back photographs of the house and the publication documents that the Foundation has produced to my colleagues Patrick Snadon PhD, and Professor Jerry Larson who are both architectural historians and extremely conversant with Wright's work. They were equally impressed with both the quality and condition of the house but also, and most importantly, with the parti and resolution of the plan in completing the spatial sequence. All of us, and other colleagues I have shared this material with, have wondered how this beautiful little project has escaped notoriety for so long and how I myself had missed this project in Phoenix. I have visited almost all of Wright's work in Phoenix and certainly working with Taliesin thought I knew all of his built work.

We are appreciative of The David and Gladys Wright Foundation for committing the financial resources and the dedication to preserving the structure, as well as the vision to make this most important 20th Century architectural monument accessible to the Phoenix community and public. We cannot underscore enough the importance of The David Wright House, not only as a fine example of one of America's most important 20th Century architects and its historic value as one of his most mature works, but also the importance to the Phoenix community of preserving the area's architectural heritage and the cultural, social, and educational contributions of the house and grounds in celebrating the legacy and creative mastery of Frank Lloyd Wright.

We applaud your efforts and offer our support in achieving your altruistic goals.

Warm Regards,

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