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Fellow Arcadia Neighbors:

We want to inform you about a problem we have in Arcadia and let you know that if we are to overcome it then time is of the essence. The issue we have concerns the “David Wright House”, a residential home that Frank Lloyd Wright’s son David built and lived in. This is a home we have heard plenty about the past few years. Our latest issue is that the home’s owner, Zachary Rawling, a/k/a David Wright House, LLC, wants to develop the property into a business that will negatively impact our wonderful Arcadia neighborhood. Some of us are already fighting hard to make sure that this does not happen but we need to build a bigger and stronger team. **We need your support!**

Mr. Rawling made a promise to us, his neighbors, and to the City, that he would preserve the house. Mr. Rawling is currently breaking his promise to “Save” the Wright Home. He appears to want to open the property and adjacent lots to commercialization and large scale public use without any rezoning or Special Permits that should be required, as the home is currently zoned R1-35. He won’t meet with many of us to explain his master plan, but he has been opening the home to major events, including a well-publicized Easter Egg Roll. He has been quoted as saying he expects to attract 120,000 people a year to the site, and he has a website offering tours which can be booked every hour for the next few months. There is no way our neighborhood can handle, much less tolerate, 120,000 visitors arriving by car or bus.

He has undertaken these measures without obtaining the appropriate Zoning or Use Permits for his various public activities. We have informed the Phoenix City Council about our concerns and have expressed our desires that any proposed commercial project to be sited in Arcadia should be reviewed by the proper authorities.

We are not asking you to take a position on whether you think that the Council should vote to allow Mr. Rawling to transform our quiet Arcadia into an activity hub, but rather that you stand with us in support of the City requiring that he apply for a rezoning or other appropriate Use Permits, which would provide us, his neighbors, the opportunity to be heard and, until that time, the site will not be open for mass-scale public events.

We hope to win and plan to win but this will be a tough fight. Mr. Rawling is a wealthy young man with significant financial resources and has hired a public relations firm to try to push his plan to a wider community, all the while refusing to meet with his neighbors.

We hope you can pledge to us your support and ask that you send an email or call the Council people to express your support. We love Arcadia as much as you do! Please help us preserve the essence of our community!

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Sincerely,
Arcadia Community Association