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RE: Morning Star Redevelopment @ 739 Selby Avenue

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am writing on behalf of Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation to express our support of the rezoning application for the planned redevelopment at 739 Selby Avenue. Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation owns several properties in the Summit University District including St. Alban's Park which includes the townhomes at 683 – 701 Selby Avenue. We have been a part of the Selby Avenue neighborhood for the past 27 years.

Morning Star Redevelopment has worked with us to address our initial concerns including moving the commercial delivery location to the Grotto end of the property and has committed to continue to work on signage issues to help minimize the traffic behind the St. Alban's Park property which is home to many children.

The Morning Star Redevelopment, which includes a newly constructed Morning Star Baptist Church and a new Senior Living center is a significant improvement to the existing site. Not only will it provide a new facility for a church that has been an anchor in the neighborhood since 1981, it will provide senior housing for our aging population. Additionally, the redevelopment will provide employment opportunities within the area.

On behalf of Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation, we respectfully request that the Rezoning Committee, Planning Commission and City Council support the rezoning of 739 Selby Avenue in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Best regards,

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