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Here is my testimony:

Members of the City Council.

My name is Vic Rosenthal and I have lived in the Summit University neighborhood for 36 years. I had the privilege of being part of the Legislative Advisory Commission on Reparations. I was also director of Jewish Community Action for more than 17 years and am a volunteer with them.

First, I want to thank the City Council for supporting the creation of the LAC on reparations and for making sure there are funds in the budget to provide staffing for this permanent commission. The staffing will be essential for moving this historic work forward. Second, I support the permanent commission being placed as part of the city council, but more specifically part of the Housing and Redevelopment Commission. Given the work to be done on reparations related to housing, job creation and other commercial development, it will be well-suited within the HRA. Third, I want to urge the council's support for the Inheritance Fund as an important first step in remembering some of the people displaced by the construction of I-94 and its impact on housing as part of Rondo. The formation of the Inheritance Fund is directly related to the work the permanent commission on reparations will be doing and linking these two is very important.

I appreciate this opportunity to share these words and look forward to working with the city council, HRA and the community to make St. Paul a model for the reparations movement across the United States.

Thank you.

Vic