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Subject: Support for 1-4 Unit Housing Study zoning amendments
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Dear City Council:

I am writing in support of the proposed amendments resulting from the 1-4 Unit Housing Study, and I hope the city council will proceed with the changes proposed by the Planning Department.

St. Paul is desperately in need of additional housing, and the additional flexibility proposed in the zoning code will allow housing options that can better meet the needs of an expanding and diversifying population with a variety of household structures. Single family homes will remain prevalent and an option for new construction, but the proposed amendments will ensure a wider array of housing types to better serve the residents of this city. Single family zoning that has dominated much of the city has exacerbated the housing crisis and priced residents out of many of the city's neighborhoods. Infill housing provides a vital source for expanding the housing supply to alleviate pricing pressure while also avoiding the most contentious aspects of large-scale developments. The city will benefit from an expanded tax base to serve its residents, while also providing residents better access to businesses, schools, and amenities.

These changes are the result of a thorough and thoughtful process. They are also reasonable and modest in nature, which will allow for gradual and localized updates to housing stock. In total, these amendments are an essential step to improve the housing situation in St. Paul.

Thanks,
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