## PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL











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September 17, 2012

Council President Lantry, Members of the City Council 15 Kellogg Blvd., West Room 310 Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: 654 California East File # 12-071778

Dear Council President Lantry and Members of the City Council:

The Payne Phalen CPED Committee met on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and heard from the applicant Mr. Alan Young on the matter of two variances at 654 California East File # 12-071778. After deliberations, CPED voted to recommend approval of both the deck variance and the driveway width variance. The CPED Committee noted that the character of housing and alignment of yards and driveways has a more suburban feel and character in this northern section of District Five. The CPED Committee did not find the variance of the width of the driveway nor the variance related to the deck objectionable or limiting. CPED found that both variances largely fit in and did not detract from the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

The Board of Directors approved this position on the Consent Agenda at the August monthly meeting on August 28th, 2012.

Sincerely,

Leslie McMurray

Executive Director - Lead Organizer

CC: Mr. Alan Young

> Ward Six Councilmember Dan Bostrom Mr. Yaya Diatta, Zoning Administrator District Five Board of Directors

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