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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HDC Resolution Regarding Rescinding S.A.F.E. Ordinance

WHEREAS the City Council is planning to rescind the S.A.F.E. (Stable, Accessible, Fair and Equitable) Housing ordinance based on legal challenges in the courts; and

WHEREAS considerable time and effort has been put into designing the S.A.F.E. ordinance; and

WHEREAS this ordinance was previously regarded as one of the most progressive protections for renters in the nation; and

WHEREAS the Highland District Council recognizes that housing discrimination and unfair practices present critical challenges to finding safe and equitable housing for our city's majority renters; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that not all voices were heard when creating the ordinance; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland District Council (HDC) requests that the Saint Paul City Council prepare a plan and timeline for providing opportunities for all interested parties, landlords and renters, to help develop an amended ordinance that would be acceptable for all parties and pass in the next year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the HDC request that the City Council not put this on hold until after the Minneapolis court case, but rather work to find common ground in this year with an amended ordinance for 2022.

Approved June 8, 2021

By the Highland District Council Board of Directors