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I am writing to express my support for some specific aspects of the Heights/Hillcrest Master Plan.

As members of the City Council know, the world is in the midst of climate breakdown and we are already suffering the consequences. We must do everything possible to end our reliance on fossil fuels. With this in mind, I fully support the carbon-neutrality goals listed on page 37 and integrating the development with the ecology of the site, especially S-15. I am a Minnesota Water Steward and wholeheartedly endorse the use of trees and native plantings to restore our soils and improve our air and water quality.

I am also eager to see a new development of this size incorporate renewable energy technologies from the start. It would be wonderful if the site could be developed with no hookups for fossil (i.e. natural) gas and if the city and state could find a way to help people choose induction stoves, air source heat pumps for heating, and electric water heaters. The goals listed will help the city

Finally, I urge the city and ultimately the developer to put in writing their commitment to these energy goals and to providing a significant amount of deeply affordable housing. We have a housing crisis to go along with our climate crisis. I also support medium to high density housing as this is more climate friendly. I fervently hope that this development will keep the goals and priorities set out in the Climate Action Resilience Plan and not get bogged down. These priorities will not be easy to implement, but the future health of our community and yes, our planet, depends on us taking action. What a wonderful thing it would be for St Paul to have such a model development for others to aspire to.

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