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Subject: Rezoning 981/983 Fuller Avenue, ZF#22-110-671
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To whom it may concern:

My husband (Gregory Langen) and I (Sophie Wereley) live at 977 Fuller Avenue, St Paul, MN 55104. This testimony is regarding ZF#22-110-671, 981/983 Fuller Avenue rezoning.

I am writing to express our strong support in the matter of rezoning the address of 981/983 Fuller Ave from R4 one-family residential to T2 traditional neighborhood. We live across the street from the property in question, having moved in about two years ago. During this time, we have had the great pleasure of meeting Byron and hearing ideas for his property.

Byron was the first person to welcome us to the neighborhood when we moved into our home. He is a steward of the neighborhood and a caring member of the community. For example, not only does he always clear his sidewalk immediately after a snow storm, he collects trash along the street regularly, and he seems to know most people on our block by name. We believe he is well-positioned to understand what the neighborhood needs out of a business, and we also believe in his vision for the building.

Byron's proposals for his business, as he has expressed to us, provide an opportunity to develop a community gathering space and directly address the needs of our neighbors by providing easier access to groceries and food items. I know that Greg and I would both frequent a small shop at this location. We would vastly prefer to spend our money at a local business, where our dollars could stay within our community, rather than the corporate convenience stores on University Avenue.

In summary, both Greg and I are strong supporters of Byron's petition to rezone his property. We believe that Byron's project exemplifies the City of Saint Paul's stated goals of supporting economic development and the growth of small businesses in the Rondo neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Sophie Wereley
Gregory Langen