Heintz, Polly (CI-StPaul)

My name is CT and I live in Ward 7, St. Paul. In November, St. Paulites came together across race, income, and ward to vote overwhelmingly in favor of rent stabilization because we believe everyone in our city should have a home they can count on. **Something had to be done to stop predatory practices and egregious rent spikes that are specifically targeting and disproportionately harming households of color.**

I supported the Keep St. Paul Home campaign because rent spikes have historically hurt low-income St. Paul residents of color, and deprives them of quality housing and safety. And I wasn't alone. **In my ward, 52.6% of voters supported this critical and urgently needed policy**. We made abundantly clear that we all deserve predictable housing costs and our communities are stronger when everyone has a home they can rely on and feel proud of.

Now it is the responsibility of city council to make sure this policy is implemented and enforced according to the will of the voters. That's why **I strongly urge you to vote YES for ordinances 22-15 and 22-16**, two critical pieces of legislation that will create structure and definitions to implement our policy on May 1. We know you might have questions about how this policy will work. These ordinances are the essential first steps to the answers that you — along with renters, property owners, and everyone in St. Paul — are looking for. That's why there is no time for delay.

These ordinances can't wait. Voters demand action. Renters need protection. And everyone in our city — from renters to property owners — needs the clarity these ordinances provide NOW. Don't be on the record as holding up this process.

Thank you for your leadership on this critically important and time-sensitive issue.

Best,
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