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**Subject:** Agenda Item - 1493 Highland

Dear Council Member Prince,

I hope this letter finds you well. My partner, Katie and I strongly support the decision of the BZA to not grant a setback variance for the empty lot at 1493 Highland Parkway, St. Paul, MN, which is on the agenda today.

As supporters of new housing and development in St. Paul, we welcome new development in our neighborhood, as well as the newly adopted Ward 3 design standards. We also support developers going through the process and following the rules and regulations in good faith.

We feel strongly that the BZA made the proper ruling on 21 September.

We feel that the building code exists for good reason. The land in question, which exists now as a hole in the ground, is a blank slate. Because of this, we feel that there could be no compelling reason for the builder to build the new house outside of existing codes and regulations.

The proposed structure would not fit the character of the neighborhood and would be the only house in the area with an attached garage so close to the alley.

THANK YOU for your time and wisdom in addressing this matter and for the great work you do on the City Council.

Kind Regards,

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