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Hi Racquel!

Will you please attach letter to the Rent Stabilization public comment?

Thank you,

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Hi,

I think St Paul and the whole twin city area has an affordable housing crisis, and the main factor in this crisis is a significant shortage of housing units. The priority of the city council should be doing whatever is necessary to facilitate the building of more housing units ASAP. Therefore I support exempting new developments from the rent cap and extending this exemption to 2005, as proposed. In addition, I hope the council is working closely with city staff to reform zoning regulations and to eliminate all hurdles to construction including excessive environmental reviews and lengthy determination of historical designation status that result in slow approvals of projects. If we democrats in blue cities truly care about eliminating homelessness and reducing housing costs, then we have to accelerate new construction.

The recent book "Abundance" by Ezra Klein (the excellent NY times writer) and David Thompson contains a very persuasive argument in support of this point of view and clearly spells out the failure of liberal cities to address this crisis.

Thanks.

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