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Subject: 333 on the Park Skyway Closure
Good Afternoon,

I live at 333 on the Park. I am writing today to ask your help in voting to close the skyway portion of our building in order to increase security for our families who reside here.

There are several reasons that make this a responsible decision. The skyway portion of our building has no retail space in it. The hallway is redundant in that there is a parallel hallway in the building next door that is always accessible. St Paul acknowledges that there is a safety issue within the skyway system and closing this hallway to the public would eliminate one portion of the system that is vulnerable to crime and loitering. At a recent meeting I expressed my concerns about tenants of our building experiencing negative encounters with people who do not live here. I was told that security police travel the skyway on Segways to monitor for such incidents. I have never seen them in my building and I doubt that I will since there is a set of stairs on both ends of the 333 Skyway.

I have observed the efforts taken by the management team of my building as they have followed the process to request that this small portion of the skyway be closed to the public and have been disappointed that our concerns have not been addressed on the merits of the unique situation of our restored building.

Management of 333 were reminded that they agreed to the skyway when the building was renovated into apartments. That is true. However, the negative affect of having the skyway in our building has increased over time as evidenced by multiple incidents that have had been documented and shared with officials. We know that the Presbyterian apartments as well as City Walk Condominiums experienced similar issues after opening and the skyways in their buildings were allowed to be closed. Each request such as ours should be considered individually based on current circumstances. Please advocate on our behalf to have the skyway at 333 on the Park closed to the public. It will increase the security and safety for those who live here without negatively impacting anyone. When we know better, we should do better.

Thank you for serving our St Paul community and listening to my concerns today.

Gratefully,
Susan Goodier
333 on the Park