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**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul>Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** 1708 Selby Rezoning  
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Dear City Council,

We do not want these sun-blocking complexes in Merriam Park. Not if they aren't affordable, which they aren't. If it was affordable housing, that would be one thing, but many of these new buildings are charging more than the going rate for rent, which means they are driving up rents when we desperately need them to stabilize and go down.

For 1708 Selby in particular:

A 5-story building will block light.  
The developer's proposal does not include any affordable housing.  
The plans are not yet public so we don't know what the units would look like.

These eyesores are popping up all over our neighborhood and not just in "places where it makes sense" as previously stated by city council. It seems like any time one of these go up, suddenly others appear blocks away. That isn't keeping them all in busy areas.

We don't want new unaffordable housing in Merriam Park. I say this as a renter.

Sincerely,  
Harmony Neal  
Ward 4

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As a settler on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of the Dakota and Anishinaabe peoples, I would like to pay my respects to the Dakota and Anishinaabe and their elders past and present. Thank you for your stewardship of this land and for your survivance, which I believe will save us all. #LANDBACK

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