

July 29, 2011

St. Paul City Council
15 Kellogg Blvd., West
Room 310
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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CITY CLERK



RE: PLANNING FOR NOVA ACADEMY FOUR STORY BUILDING BETWEEN SHOLOM EAST & THE RIVER

Dear St. Paul City Council Members,

I am replying to strongly object to the proposed changes to the master plan for the Nova Academy School. Firstly, having looked at the plans, the end elevation diagram indicates the height will literally be built directly in the line of sight to the bluffs, and river. The height proposed will severely affect the beautiful view our residents, staff, and family members are able to enjoy. This blockage itself will have a detrimental impact upon the Bentson resident's enjoyment of the view, particularly during the summer when the trees are green, safety issues regarding increased vehicle traffic, parking concerns, increase in noise levels, etc.

Also, with the new school, there will be a large increase in the number of people and, therefore, vehicles associated with that. The proposed parking area to the school is already overcrowded with vehicles and parking is virtually impossible as it is. An additional volume of cars coming in and out would, in my opinion, make the area far more dangerous for our residents, family, and staff.

I am also disappointed with your approval process, which for the most part, left Sholom out. As a member of the community, we feel it is important to have our voice heard on this important matter. We need more time to study this process.

Please note that while Sholom embraces the Nova's vision and would value it as a quality business partner and community partner - our issue simply rests with the building location.

I imagine you will receive many similar objections from other residents living nearby and I trust you will refuse this application on the basis that they most definitely contravene your planning regulations.

Please can you inform me that you have received this letter and have logged it as an official objection and keep me informed as to the outcome?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Hanson', written over a white background.

Mike Hanson
CEO

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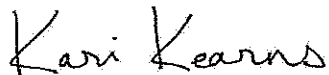
Dear Councilmember Kathy Lantry:

I know you are receiving letters and petitions from my co-workers and my tenants on the Sholom East campus regarding the proposed changes to the Master Plan for our neighborhood. I also wanted to reach out to you, individually, to request that you continue discussions about these changes and invite Sholom to be at the table during these discussions.

I am excited about the addition of the Nova Classical Academy to the Master Plan. It will be wonderful for our residents, tenants and families to have a school (and their vibrant youth!) close to us. I realize that wherever the school goes, someone's view of the beautiful bluffs will be compromised, and that traffic will increase. But my hope is that if Sholom can be involved in continued discussions about this new addition to the Master Plan, collaborating with us and hearing our feedback on the location and lay-out of the school, it will help to make the changes a less disruptive to our current and future tenants and families.

Please take our concerns into consideration and offer us the opportunity to have our voices heard.

Warm Regards,



Kari Kearns
Leasing & Tenant Relations Coordinator
Bentson Family Assisted Living Residence
Shaller Family Sholom East Campus

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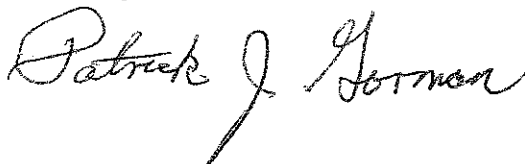
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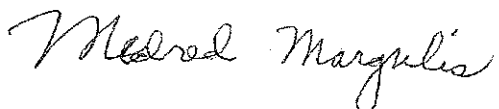
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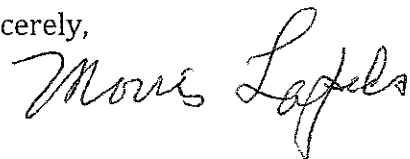
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June Barron
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