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From: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:20 PM
To: Moore, Shari (CI-StPaul)
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From: Paul McCormick [<mailto:st.paulmc@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 9:53 AM
To: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: student housing zoning study

I am writing in support of the student housing moratorium.
We have lived in St Paul for 12 years and have 2 children in public schools.
My wife and I chose St Paul and the Mac Groveland community when we were making our housing choices with the intention of joining and helping to maintain an urban community, a place to raise and educate our children.

We enjoy living in a diverse neighborhood that supports people of different backgrounds living together including parents with young children, Single Adults and Elderly and Students. Small Businesses in the surrounding area are similarly diverse.

We feel that our efforts at maintaining our home, public spaces near our home and development of long lasting relationships with our neighbors who have similar interests are the key to this urban community.

Currently the balance of having some students in rental houses has worked well.

The point has been reached over the last several years, however, where there is a majority to nearly entire blocks that have become student rentals.

I am convinced this trend will have an accelerating impact that without support from the proposed ordinance will change Mac Groveland into poorly maintained transient neighborhoods with decreased tax base and predominantly student rental housing with subsequent effect on local businesses and schools.

This doesn't have to happen. The restrictions that would be put into place by the proposal would encourage families to come into the neighborhood, elderly residents to stay while providing an appropriate mix of students to live and participate in the community.

The ordinance will provide greater opportunity for more choice of homeowners with regard to sale or rental of homes in contrast to the current trend which is moving toward creating another Dinkytown in the Twin Cities.

Private solutions to the student housing problem are inevitable given that at least St Thomas has stated they have no plans to increase the on campus housing.

I believe the ordinance reflects and active engaged community accepting a role in this process but with boundaries.

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