

Buzz Lortis

Opposes the Ford plan. Off base with the deal; will inherit a huge mess; traffic, 10 story now 7 makes no difference; reassess and delay for new mayor; this is subsidizing to corporations and is ridiculous; they should pay the city. Put Amazon in there.

John Ryan

Strongly opposes the Ford Plant for redevelopment.

Kent Kreuter

He is resoundingly in favor of the Ford plan; you or another Councilmember need to put out the City's – not Highland Park's but the City's – case for the Ford plan. It's very important.

Mary and Brian Harens

Emphatically oppose the Ford plan; delay until January; want to remind you they both vote in Ward 3.

Bill Foussard

Called in support of the Ford Plan.

Mayor Chris Coleman and the Saint Paul City Council

15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 310 City Hall

Saint Paul, MN 55102

September 11, 2017

Dear Mayor Coleman, Council President Stark, and members of the Saint Paul City Council:

Upper Mississippi Academy is a public charter school providing high-quality education for diverse students in grades 6-12 in an experiential, collaborative environment. We pride ourselves as a presence in our dynamic community.

As educators charged with shaping our community's youth, we are passionate about all aspects of youth development which includes creating a healthy environment where kids can thrive. Treating menthol tobacco products the same way that St. Paul treats other flavors is an opportunity to positively impact kids' health. Menthol tobacco products are uniquely attractive to youth because menthol masks the harsh flavor of tobacco. As a result, menthol tobacco is easier to start. Sadly, it also makes it harder to quit. We support a policy that restricts youth access and exposure to menthol cigarettes and other menthol-flavored tobacco.

We are thankful that St. Paul has already prohibited the sale of candy and fruit flavored tobacco products in stores where kids can enter. St. Paul now needs to include menthol in the list of flavors that can be purchased only in adult-only tobacco shops. As educators, we are passionate about working to help improve the health of children. As our city council representatives, you can do much more to protect children's health than we can do as educators by passing an ordinance to get these deadly products out of stores where kids can enter. This ordinance is a clear step forward to protect future generations from tobacco harms.

Sincerely,

Harry Adler

Executive Director

Upper Mississippi Academy

Ben Paulson - 2176 Carroll – 'I live on Cretin' and it's already too busy with cars running up on the curb and sidewalk. Going forward is irresponsible and dangerous. Reconsider or wait to January for a new mayor. His kids play in the yard – don't make it more unsafe.

Linda Smaller - lives on Stanford and she fully supports Ford, the increased density, and looks forward to a place where people can live together of all ages, backgrounds and incomes.

From: Kathryn McGuire [<mailto:mcguire.kathy56@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:36 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Cc: Dennis McGuire

Subject: Snelling Avenue Zoning

Dear Members of the Saint Paul City Council,

It has come to our attention that City Council will be voting on the Snelling Avenue Zoning Study this Wednesday, September 13, and to our knowledge there have been no further amendments made to the Zoning Study, in spite of hundreds of letters and numerous concerns raised by the public.

We respectfully request that you review the 133 letters of opposition sent to City Council in contrast to 16 letters in favor of the Zoning Study. This current plan is clearly NOT favored by the majority of citizens. We also wish to remind you that citizens are not saying no, we are asking for reasonable modifications to the plan.

At the City Council hearing on Wednesday, September 6, a remark was made that it was important to hear the voice of those who could not be present. We wish to remind City Councilmembers that those opposing the Zoning Study also had people who could not be present at the hearing. We too represent young people with families and older people who could not easily attend.

We wish to remind City Councilmembers that we had 9 additional people who came to speak in opposition of the proposal and had to leave the hearing early due to time constraints.

It is unfortunate that citizens have not had the opportunity to truly discuss the issues at hand and collaborate to develop a plan. Research has indicated that community based process is often the most successful. We believe that it would be enlightening to find that there is actually a very high degree of agreement among us. We all want what we believe is best for our City and its people.

We respectfully request all Members of the Saint Paul City Council to listen to the voice of the people and reject the Zoning Study as written. We ask City Council to initiate amendments or modifications to this study that acknowledge public concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathryn and Dennis McGuire
2203 Fairmount Avenue

Nancy Reeck – Called saying she lives in Ward 3 and opposes Ford; Highland is already over populated and this will add more traffic in the Village – and she opposes more taxpayer dollars going to corporations.

Ron Lindgren – 1242 James Ave – Called saying he fully supports CM Tolbert and his position on Ford.

Felib Vargar – Called in opposition to Ford; area is already over populated and cannot add another 30,000 vehicles in that area.

Pratik Joshi – Long time resident of W3 and called in protest and lack of support to delay the vote on Ford. He strongly opposes the plan. Delay for new Mayor.

Karen Wilson – called in opposition to Ford and urged it delayed until a new Mayor. She is a long time resident of the Ward.

From: Maggie LaNasa [<mailto:maggie.lanasa@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 10:05 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Stop the greed- rethink the Ford plan

Dear Mr. Tolbert please listen to the people of Highland Park and stop the greed behind the current Ford plan. I am 32 years old and hoping to have many more years living here in Highland Park. I oppose the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan. Please delay the vote until January. I am worried about corrupt politics at hand.

Maggie LaNasa

1752 Bohland Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55116

612-940-2645

From: Sonita Sarker [<mailto:sonitasarker1@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 8:21 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Opposition to the Ford Site Development Plan

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

Perhaps you'll delete the message on reading just the subject line--if so, it captures my position. Please pay attention to the point of view of Highland Park residents. We live in harmony and share the values of small communities that are environmentally, politically and socially progressive. Our (my) opposition is to the corporate monopoly that will ruin the livability of Highland Park.

Thanks for reading through,

Sonita.

From: William Magee [mailto:william_c_magee@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 7:50 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: OPPOSE - For Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan

Chris Tolbert,

I reside at 465 Cretin Avenue South in Saint Paul and I fundamentally oppose the current Master Plan for the Ford Site. This vote should be delayed until 2018 when a new Saint Paul mayor, unbiased by private interests, is in office.

Each today, even with today's traffic on Cretin Avenue, I am unable to exit my own driveway without aggressively forcing my entry to the street during rush hour traffic. An additional 30,000 vehicle trips per day as a result of the Ford Site development is unacceptable without considering the ramifications to the neighborhood.

As a resident, a property owner, and a taxpayer, I strongly oppose the master plan as written and ask that the vote be delayed.

Bill Magee

william_c_magee@yahoo.com

From: Cheryl Doucette [<mailto:cldoucette@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 7:09 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Stop the Ford Plant

I oppose the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master plan and I want the City Council to wait to vote until we have a new mayor in January.

Cheryl Doucette

375 Snelling Ave S

St. Paul, MN 55105

From: christinedahl@comcast.net [<mailto:christinedahl@comcast.net>]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 2:54 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Plant site development plan needs revising
Councilmember Tolbert:

You need to reconsider your support for the current Ford Plant site development plan. For all its positive aspects, it does not address transportation issues created by so greatly increasing the population in the Highland Village area. Although the new residents will have wonderful access to shops within the neighborhood, they will also need to get to and from workplaces and venues outside the neighborhood by driving to the freeways. I live near Cretin Avenue and worry that it simply won't be able to handle the new traffic. We pay high taxes in St. Paul to support our quality of life. Don't let an inadequate development plan degrade our city life. Please remember we are the citizens who elected you to represent us -- that's us, not some developer -- and we can find someone else to represent us if you can't do the job.

Christine Dahl

50 Otis Avenue

From: Lynn Varco [<mailto:lvmaroon@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 2:52 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3; McMahon, Melanie (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Ford plan

Hello, Councilmember Tolbert,

I oppose the current Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan, and I hope that the City Council will delay its vote on this matter until the new mayor takes office in January. Your planning amendment will negatively effect the development of a sustainable plan that has a more workable balance between housing density, public space and neighborhood livability.

Respectfully,

Lynn Varco
1587 Beechwood Avenue

From: Shauna McDonald [<mailto:shauna.lea.mcdonald@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 2:41 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: I Oppose Ford Site Zoning & Master Plan DELAY The VOTE until JAN!

Council Member Chris Talbot,

I'm shocked that you are not standing with OUR community in the concerns over the FORD Plant zoning & masterplan.

We love Highland & as active voters & campaign contributors we don't want to see it destroyed because our representatives are more interested in the desires of private developers & special interest groups.

This is our home, will these groups be living here with us once our community is destroyed with congestion & over crowding? Will you!?

Listen to the people who trusted you to represent them. STOP THE FORD PLAN & DELAY THE VOTE until we have a NEW MAJOR in JAN.

Please do your job & represent your community.

Shauna McDonald
2072 Edgcumbe Road
Shauna McDonald

From: CINDY KERR [<mailto:kerrazy2@msn.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 12:31 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Stop the Ford Plan

Please stop the Ford redevelopment plan until at least a new mayor is sworn into office in January.

I do not approve of a lot of it, especially removing the Ford Baseball fields without a plan to replace them. My son plays baseball there and I think it is a travesty to have all that land and have to include removing the baseball fields without replacing them. The plan in its entirety needs to be rethought.

Cynthia Kerr
Highland Park Resident

From: kwillard123@comcast.net [<mailto:kwillard123@comcast.net>]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 11:33 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: Jenny Willard

Subject: The Ford Plan

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

We are long time residents of the neighborhood (we live on Mt Curve Blvd) and we are utterly opposed to these plans as they include high density development. We are generally fairly apolitical but this is an issue that strikes deep both from a negative effect on the quality of our neighborhood but also from a risk to our most important retirement asset--our home.

I don't know how to say it more bluntly but we will become politically active and support any opponent you may have if you continue to support this project. Both with our time and our money. And it is clear from sidewalk conversations that the depth of this opposition is shared by many of our neighbors, whom you may not hear from except on election day.

Sincerely,

Keith & Jenny Willard

486 Mt Curve Blvd, Saint Paul

From: Larissa Rippley [<mailto:lripley@rippleyrichard.com>]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2017 9:06 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Plan Opposition - Rethink the plan if not the vote

Councilman Tolbert-

I live at 618 Brimhall St. in St. Paul and am writing to tell you of my opposition to the Ford Plant plan as currently proposed. As a housing development consultant, I am concerned that the plan is far too dense. And not unlike other projects recently developed in St. Paul, for instance Selby and Snelling, the impact to traffic conjection has not bee properly considered or planned-for. I think that a true "mixed-use" proposal of the sites will consider far less multi-faily housing and more business (St. Paul needs more jobs), single family housing, commerical space, open space and some multi-family housing.

If you cannot oppose the current plan, I would like you and the council to consider a delay on the vote until Januray when a new mayor is elected. It feels dishonest for a lame-duck mayor with no political skin in the game to making this very important development decision for the community.

Larissa J. Rippley

Rippley Richard Real Estate Development Services, LLC

1600 University Avenue, Suite 212

St. Paul, MN 55104

From: Vera Wenzel [<mailto:vwwenzel@comcast.net>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 9:15 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: The Ford Plan

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

Today, our home received a door flyer asking residents of Highland Park to oppose the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan. While I am not necessarily opposed to the plan, I am very opposed to the tactics being used by this group Neighbors for a Livable St. Paul.

Specifically, I reject the tactic of asking the City Council to delay the vote "until a new Mayor is sworn into office in January." The implication is very clear that this group wishes to win their case by

supporting only mayoral candidates who agree with their position - and reject candidates who do not pledge to do the will of this group. The new Mayor will be the Mayor for all of St. Paul, not just for Highland Park.

I also reject the use of name calling as a tactic to persuade Highland Park residents of the righteousness of their position. Accusing you, among other things, of "refusing to act to support the community" assumes that everyone in the community shares their conviction about this project, which cannot be true.

Sincerely,
Vera Wenzel
840 Deer Park

From: Chris Guarnera [<mailto:cguarnera@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 8:01 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: I OPPOSE the Ford Plant zoning - please DELAY the planned vote on September 27th

As a long time Highland resident, I strongly oppose the current plan, even with the smaller building size. Please reconsider your support of the plan.

Chris Guarnera
588 Montrose Lane

From: wang ping [<mailto:jingputuo@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 6:37 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: oppose the ford site zoning
I oppose the ford site zoning and public realm master plan and I want hte city council to delay the vote until a new mayor is sworn into office in January.
thanks.
Wang Ping

From: Jerry Helfand [<mailto:jerryhelfand@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 4:16 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: stop the Ford Plan
Dear Mr. Tolbert:
I am writing as a resident of your ward (1975 Bayard Ave.) to oppose the current plan for the Ford site. I simply find it ridiculous to believe our neighborhood can handle the kind of massive development envisioned for the site. Traffic is already at capacity on Ford at rush hour.
Please reconsider your support of this plan.
Jerry Helfand

From: Patrick Hanlon [<mailto:pathanlon@thinktopia.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 3:31 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: Jane Wife; Libby O'Brien

Subject: Stop The Ford Plan

Councilmember Chris Tolbert:

I have been to several public meetings on the Ford Site Master Plan and find your current plan not thought through and underwhelming.

The Ford Plant redevelopment is an incredible opportunity to put St Paul and MSP on the global map in terms of new thinking about urban spaces.

In fact, such a poor response to this opportunity is likely to spur the export of Minnesota talent to more inspired urban areas, e.g. Portland, Austin, Oakland, Brooklyn, even Madison.

We lost an important opportunity just last week: Rome Prize winning landscape architect David Rubin was in town to give a commencement speech at the University of Minnesota.

He could have easily be escorted to the site to give his first impressions.

There are also other opportunities to make St Paul an impact center rather than an export center.

Just look at Amazon's RFP to get a sense of what 21st century companies will be looking for:

1. Capacity to produce skilled technical talent
2. Access to domestic and global markets through modern infrastructure
3. Connected and sustainable placemaking
4. Culture and diversity

You might think that numbers 3 and 4 are covered by the current plan—this is a judgement call and I expect more from developers and leaders.

Please stop the Ford Plan and rethink this opportunity for the short and long-term benefit of St Paul.

Thanks for reading.

Your voter.

Patrick Hanlon

From: E. Monica and Derek Miska [<mailto:ddmemf@msn.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 3:08 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Stop the Ford plan

Please rethink the development of the Ford plant site. Highland Park/Mac Groveland will be impacted immensely. We have to think about 30 years from now & the future of our children. I am a 3rd generation family who has chosen to stay in Saint Paul but am saddened about the decisions Saint Public Schools & now Ward 3 is deciding for the benefit of low income housing or money. My husband & I have been told repeatedly that the city is trying to phase out higher income families for low income because they can get more federal funding. I may not be intelligent enough to use proper grammar but I know what I see & hear will affect my children's live for Saint Paul.

Thanks

Monica Miska

From: Vaillancourt, Michele [<mailto:MVaillancourt@winthrop.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 2:43 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Development

Dear Councilmember Tolbert:

I have been a resident of St. Paul all of life, and I have been in my home at 244 Stonebridge in St. Paul since June 1984, over 33 years. I love the neighborhood and its proximity to great restaurants, shopping and the airport.

However, because of the planned Ford site development, I am considering moving out of the neighborhood. It will bring too many people, cars and traffic to the neighborhood, which will result in lower property values and much unpleasantness.

The availability of the Ford site is a great opportunity for St. Paul. Please let's not ruin it. Please delay the vote on the Ford Site Zoning Plan.

Thank you for considering this email.

Michele Vaillancourt

244 Stonebridge Boulevard

St. Paul, MN 55105

From: Deniz Aslan [<mailto:aslan001@umn.edu>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 1:50 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: 'Adina Cioc'

Subject: Did America run out of space?

There is vast and endless space for new developments in America. Saint Paul is already a busy metro. There is no reason and logic besides cynicism, in crowding more people in our neighborhoods and chipping away at our quality of life, further disrupting the River corridor. We want more NATURE, not more people. Don't expect votes from our family if the Ford plan is approved, and we will use our means to fund election campaigns against you.

Deniz Aslan

2247 Edgcumbe Road

Saint Paul, MN

55116

From: Emily Saunders [<mailto:magicrabbit369@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 1:46 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: From your constituent

Hi, my name is Emily Saunders. I have lived in Highland Park for 7 years. Highland park is a small tight-knit community. I am asking you to please reconsider the redevelopment. Please at least delay the vote. Don't sell out for the money. I know you want to support the big companies and corporations and developers, but you represent us, the community, not them.

Highland Park has been a peaceful, quiet, friendly community. If you add 10,000 more people on 135 acres of land, it will cause traffic in this area to explode. no one will be able to find any parking, crime will go up, because the more people, the more crime, and businesses will raise their prices. I am asking you to please reconsider your position. This is not good for the community. Please think deeply about

how this will affect the neighborhood and please look out for our best interests, not the developers. Thank you.
Sincerely, Emily Saunders

From: MARYSUE MOSES [<mailto:MMOSES2270@msn.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 1:37 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: The Ford Plan

As a 30 plus year resident of the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood and a frequent visitor/shopper to Highland, I wish to express that I oppose the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan. Please delay the City Council vote until we have a new Mayor sworn into office.

Thank you.

Marysue Moses

1608 Juliet Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55105

From: Lucy Lipscomb [<mailto:llipscomb001@stpaul.k12.mn.us>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 1:20 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Rethink the development

City council member Chris Tolber, this is Lucy Lipscomb. I am a sophomore at highland park, and I am urging you to delay the vote on the ford site zoning plan. The environmental impacts of this plan cannot be undone, this space could be used for a park or greenspace which could be more economically feasible and more beneficial for the environment. This plan needs to be stopped.

From: budjay@comcast.net [<mailto:budjay@comcast.net>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 1:07 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Site

I heard some pretty bad things from livablestpaul.com about the proposal for the Ford site. If it's true, please reconsider so that you don't ruin the Highland Park area.

Vernon R Jorgensen

1615 Berkeley Ave

St Paul MN 55105

From: Bea Mastrud [<mailto:bea.mastrud@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 12:48 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Stop the ford plan

Dear Mr.Tolbert, I feel very strongly that building such a large amount of housing is only going to hurt our community more and cause rifts between people it we could find a way to make a compromise between building some housing and some green space it would be so much better than doing one or the other. I do believe that we need more time to figure this out and if not till January at least November. Please read this and have a good day.

Please read this and have a good day.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Mastrud

From: Paul McDonough [<mailto:paul.mcdonough@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 12:35 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Upcoming Ford Vote

Chris Tolbert,

I am not usually a single issue voter. But given the importance and impact on our neighborhood of the Ford site development I am letting you know this is the single issue that can remove you from office. Do not let your DFL insiders talk you into thinking they have the votes on this issue. I have talked to literally hundreds of my immediate neighbors. The hard core 'party first' DFL'ers are dying off. My neighbors are all telling me they do not want their quaint neighborhood turned into a mini-downtown. Anything north of adding 2000 residential units with variances to exceed the 55' height limitations. Any proposal that gives away millions in TIF on a highly prized piece of real estate. Any proposal that doesn't include adding significant green space and ball fields (Keep the word "Park" in Highland Park). Any proposal that adds more mass transit to turn our quaint neighborhood into University Ave. will be met with a coordinated effort to remove those who voted for it. There are many locations in this city to build a Utopia high density development. Highland Park is not that place.

I don't like talking in thus tone. But it appears this is the only way to get people's attention these days. Remember. There will be consequences on election day for those responsible.

Sincerely,

Paul McDonough

A 28 year Highland Park resident that lives and works in the Highland Park.

From: John Scandurra [<mailto:jascandurra@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 12:08 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: Madeline Cieslak

Subject: Ford Plan

Dear Councilmember Tolbert,

I recently moved to a house in the Highland Neighborhood and learned about the Ford Plan.

I do not support the plan as currently conceived. I encourage you to postpone the vote and rethink the plan.

I believe the current plan will result in a traffic nightmare, fill the area with tacky unneeded chain stores and restaurants, and degrade my property values.

I lived in Madison, Wisconsin and was always disappointed that even though the city was surrounded by water, you would never know because of development without a long-term vision. The Ford site affords a unique opportunity to enhance Highland and all of St. Paul by facilitating visual and physical access to the Mississippi River.

I would suggest you seek funding from Ford Motor Company, the City of Saint Paul, and the State of Minnesota to make this site into the jewel of St. Paul with wide access to the river and mostly green space and trails. Offer to name it Ford Park in perpetuity in exchange for in-kind funding from Ford. Any new businesses that result should be primarily locally (not chain) owned. Minnehaha Park with its Sea Salt Restaurant provides a model for a plan that will enhance Saint Paul instead of making it a crowded mess as your plan will surely do. Take notice of the lines of people at Sea Salt on a sunny day and you will appreciate the need for more green and community spaces.

Best regards,

John Scandurra

1626 Highland Parkway

From: Gloria Weyandt [<mailto:gjweyandt@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 12:03 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Plan

To Chris Tolbert:

Dear Councilmember Tolbert,

I am Opposed to the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Pan and would like the City Council to delay the vote until a new Mayor is sworn into office in January.

I have lived at 2146 Hartford Avenue for 32 years. I am most concerned about the traffic with the estimated 30,000 vehicle trips per day. My family and community has benefitted greatly by the Ford Little league ball fields. I would also like to see some expansion of greenspace and parks on the property with the large increase in housing.

It feels as though the City Council is so anxious for an expanded tax base that they are disregarding the views of its constituents who live in the area most affected.

Sincerely,

Gloria Weyandt

From: Jeanine Sundt [<mailto:sundt510@comcast.net>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 11:23 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Plant

Chris Tolbert,

As a resident of ward who has voted for you, I wanted to make clear how strongly I oppose the current zoning plan for the Ford Site.

The lack of green space is alarming and as a mother of a son who played baseball in the Ford fields it saddens me to think of future children not having a similar experience.

We've lived in our current home for 15 years and I've noticed the increased traffic in Highland for years and can not image how much worse it will be 15 years from now when the Ford plant is developed if the current zoning is aloud.

I urge you to delay the vote until a new mayor can be sworn into office in January.

Jeanine Sundt

510 Mt Curve Blvd

From: Douglas Vitek [<mailto:dvitek@comcast.net>]

Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2017 11:20 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: STOP the Ford Plan

Chris,

Please add my name to the list of those OPPOSED to the current Ford Site Zoning Plan.

Shame on you for ignoring those most impacted by the current plan. Your obligation is to listen to our concerns and make sure our concerns are addressed in the Ford Site Zoning process. Instead, you have turned a deaf ear to our concerns, and seem to feel that adding multi-story buildings and thousands of housing units fits our neighborhood.

If you truly believe this, then move your family to my street. Become my neighbor and proudly watch as traffic increases and home values plummet. If you are not willing to put your personal life on the line for this project, then do not force me to do so.

It is time for you to take a stand. I hope it is to STOP the Ford Plan.

Sincerely,

Douglas Vitek

1606 Mississippi River Blvd. So.

St. Paul, MN 55116

Phone call:

Clarise Swisher

1519 Highland Parkway

Rezoning away from industrial is important, but she's concerned about having control over private developers related to chains, etc

From: Riley Kane [<mailto:rileykane@me.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:05 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Plan?

Hello,

City Councilmember Tolbert, I am one of your constituents, at 2149 Fairmount Ave.

I strongly urge you to think of the surrounding neighborhoods that will be negatively impacted by the current density of the plan. Once it's done, it can't be redone. There's little creativity in this plan. It needs a better design. I just came back from Norway and saw how smart they lay out their cities. This just feels like a developers dream - how much can we pack in there, and how much tax base.

You've done a good job representing us before. Please slow this down and rethink the high rise buildings, traffic nightmare potential and shocking lack of green space. Let's do something Mpls and beyond will envy, not something they'll look at and think, boy glad that's not near my house.

Thanks for your consideration,

Riley and Sarah Kane

2149 Fairmount

From: Sam Tsai [<mailto:samtsai3240@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 11:37 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: BIG concern about the development of Ford site in the current plan
Hi,
I am living in 2215 Scheffer Ave, Saint Paul, MN
I am serious concern about the development of ford site in current plan.
Please understand what the big concern the neighborhood has: Traffic and culture.
Please rethink it, and lower the density.
YU-MAO TSAI

From: M K [<mailto:irishcillin@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:56 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: The Ford Plan
Council Member Chris Tolbert:
I OPPOSE the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan and want the City Council to DELAY the vote until a new Mayor is sworn into office in January.
M. Killeen
Highland Park Resident

From: Sarah Schwalbach [<mailto:srschwalbach@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:38 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Concerned citizen- first time contacting a council member
Hello Chris Tolbert,
My name is Sarah Schwalbach and I live in Highland Park a few blocks from highland village. I have never reached out to you, or any public representative, so I sincerely hope you receive this message. I bought my house in St. Paul just over three years ago, mainly for its ideal proximity to both walkable shopping/eateries and the Mississippi River. I'm contacting you tonight because I'm really concerned about the proposed plan for the Ford Plant redevelopment. I just wanted to tell you briefly why. For most of the time I've owned my home, I have been a graduate student. Of no surprise, the life of a graduate student consists on lots of study time. While I have been studying over the past three years, I have had a direct view of the comings and goings on Cretin Ave. Daily, I have watched children walking to Horace Mann elementary school with big orange caution flags, nearly get hit by motorists who are zooming by. I have watched my neighbors out for walks with their family members and furry friends, have to wait for upwards of 5 minutes before motorists from both directions will stop so they can cross safely (sometimes someone from one direction will stop, and the other will not, making for a very dangerous situation). It have also heard and seen countless car collisions happen as drivers try to scoot across busy Cretin Ave, and don't quite make it.
I can't imagine what a difficult position it is that you hold as a council person. My request is that since you, Mr. Tolbert, represent my vote, my investment, my neighborhood, and my future family, please take my vantage point into consideration when you think about what you're endorsing. I want to be able to raise my children in a safe neighborhood. The fact of the matter is, the proposed plan for the Ford Plant development will not be able to support the traffic (on the roads, trails, commercial stores, schools, etc.) that will amount from the increase in population in such a small area. While I know I can

only speak for myself, I can say that if the current plan is carried out, I will likely not remain in the area but will look for another place to raise my family.

Thank you for taking the time to rethink your position on this matter. And thank you for all you do for the city of St. Paul and all its citizens.

Sincerely,
Sarah Schwalbach

From: A Platt [<mailto:asplatt@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 6:04 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: STOP the ford plan.

I'm writing to let you know that I OPPOSE the Ford Site Zoning Plan. I'm urging the City Council to DELAY the vote until January!

We do not need massive 10 story high rise building in our community. There is not proper road infrastructure to handle the excessive amount of population grown in HP. This is a failed opportunity to expand on the greenspace and parks for our future generations. Do not ignore the plead of the people in the community and solely focus on short financial gains for the few!

Thank you for your time.

A Platt

From: Linda Vannatta [<mailto:vannattalg@comcast.net>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:54 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Please reconsider the Ford Plan

We need to "Rethink the Development"...

Along with many of my neighbors, I am concerned that the population density will be too high. I am baffled that the plans fails to expand greenspace and parks!

Please consider the appreciable amount of public outcry and concern. This is OUR city! I believe this plan will radically change Highland, spilling over into Mac Groveland. Please put the brakes on and reconsider.

Thank you.

Linda Van Natta in Mac-Groveland
350 Warwick Street
St Paul, MN

From: thaas26@comcast.net [<mailto:thaas26@comcast.net>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:36 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7; #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: I would like to thank you for your dedicated service as a city council member

Mr. Tolbert,

I would like to thank you for your dedicated service as a city council member. Your role and position has been an important factor in making Highland Park and St Paul a great place to buy a home, raise a family and live a good life. Mr. Tolbert you do important work and I appreciate your efforts.

About 28 years ago we bought an older outdated house on Montreal Ave 2 blocks east of the Ford Plant. Over the years we have spent \$180,000 on improvements and pay about \$6000 year in property

taxes. Up until recently we had no idea how much the Ford development would ruin our block and our retirement plans.

No one in the area wants the high density development. The leader of the few members of the high density group and the ones writing letters to the editors are people who live miles from the Ford Plant and a lot of them are not even from St Paul. There was a prominent one Sept 3rd in the St Paul Pioneer Press by one of the leaders of the high density plan group. He does not own a home, lives a long way from the development and works in Minneapolis! No wonder he favors your high density plan.

Please consider taking the time to really listen to the people who need your help. Like I said , no one in the area wants it. Shouldn't the people who will be most affected have a voice?

Thanks for your consideration.

Tom

From: Steve & Cathy Selin [<mailto:skselin5@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 4:53 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Plan

Congressman Tolbert,

Being neighbors in Highland Park my husband and I believe that the current Ford Plan does not benefit the neighborhood, but only the Ford Motor Company and private interest groups. There should be more discussion. The 10-story high rise with 10,000 people on such a small space of land will create too much congestion. The Ford Parkway Bridge will be a major area of congestion.

The height itself will not improve the beauty of green space near the river. Recreational fields will be lost. Please consider improving this area of Saint Paul.

Thank you

Catherine and Steven Selin

From: eajennrich@gmail.com [<mailto:eajennrich@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:36 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Plant redevelopment-adamantly opposed

I oppose the Ford plant site redevelopment. Not sure why taking opportunities away from children is a good idea. Especially when it is for big business. We chose to live in highland because we enjoyed the quiet neighborhood. The plan you support will ruin Highland. I will support anyone running against you in the next election, for failure to listen to the people who voted you into office.

Eric Jennrich

Highland Park Resident

From: lcaros@comcast.net [<mailto:lcaros@comcast.net>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 2:02 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: the ford plan

City Councilman,

Please explain to me why you think the Ford Plan is a good idea. From all the controversy, it seems like we should at least have a delay to negotiate and discuss.

Lydia Caros

1760 Eleanor Ave

St Paul

From: Joseph Buri [<mailto:joeburi20@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:35 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Stop The Ford Plan

Mr. Tolbert,

The reason for my email is pretty straightforward. I am writing to let you know that I oppose the Fort Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan in its current form, and I would strongly encourage a delay in the vote until a new mayor is sworn into office in January.

As a lifelong resident of St. Paul, I have a deep appreciation for our city and many of its unique neighborhoods. As a current resident in Highland Park, I have a vested interest in what happens with the redevelopment of the Ford Site. From my perspective, there is a lack of public support for the redevelopment plan as it currently exists. And the number of voices that are opposed to what is happening grow louder and louder as time goes on. To move forward in the face of such strong opposition without solving or addressing a number of very specific concerns would be wrong.

As has been said time and again over the last year, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. To move forward with a plan that lacks creativity and fails to promote the uniqueness of our city is bad enough. To do so without the support of thousands of citizens who live in and around the Highland Park neighborhood is even worse. As a lifelong resident of St. Paul, I ask that you step back and take the time to do this right...work with the citizens who are asking for changes to the current plan, make revisions, build more consensus, and put a plan into action that we can all be proud of.

Thank you very much for your commitment to our city and for your efforts on this matter,

Joe

From: Matt Sullivan [mailto:matt_sulli@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:03 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Redevelopment Plan

Chris,

I'm writing to you to voice my considerable opposition to the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan. When my wife and I bought in Highland in 2012, it was not with the intent of becoming neighbors with a "mini Manhattan."

We're not opposed to development, just to the proposed development as it stands. It's evident that money and greed are the driving factors here, and that's sad. The site and infrastructure can't support what's being proposed.

This is our neighborhood, not the developers, not the city's and not the future bike-riding, hipster residents. Please listen and push for the City Counsel to delay the vote until the new Mayor is sworn into office in January.

Regards,

Matt Sullivan

1852 Pinehurst Ave.

St. Paul, MN 55116

From: Jessica Hogan [<mailto:thehogancrew@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 11:53 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Ford Plan opposition

Good afternoon Councilmember Tolbert,

I'm emailing to inform you that I strongly oppose the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan.

Please delay the vote until the new mayor is sworn into office in January.

The lack of green space and the high-rise buildings, will negatively impact our community. Our family of four, including a 3 and 5 year old live on cretin, the traffic impact to this residential road will make it unsafe for our children and make the driving conditions too dense. Green space is something St. Paul has always had pride in and not including enough in the space doesn't feel like a St. Paul value.

Please consider your constituents and delay the vote. Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Jessica Hogan

548 Cretin Ave. S

From: Price, John T. [<mailto:JPrice103@sjm.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 10:15 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Subject: Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan

Councilmember,

I am a tax paying member of the community, and a member of the MacGroveland Neighborhood, and I am contacting you because I want to delay the vote until the new Mayor is sworn into office in January.

I will be attending the SEPTEMBER 20TH CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING and will express my opposition in person.

From: Christa Treichel [<mailto:ChristaJT@live.com>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 10:04 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Stop the Ford plan

As a resident of Highland Park living on Mississippi River Blvd, I oppose the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan. I request delay of the vote until January 2018. Christa Treichel

From: lundx013 University of Minnesota [<mailto:lundx013@umn.edu>]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 7:36 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Opposition to Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan

I have lived in the Mac Groveland area since 1977. I shop in Highland and visit the gym and other places frequently. I also cross the Ford Bridge and have activities in Mpls near Lake Nokomis where I grew up.

I strongly oppose more development on the Ford Plant site. The area is already too crowded and the Ford Site Zoning and Public Realm Master Plan would make it a nightmare.

Joan Lund

1719 Stanford Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55105

Lore Nelson – 1132 Bowdoin Street – Opposes the Ford plan.

Phone call:

Patrick and Toni Conley, - Per the Conleys: From Livable St. Paul, stop the Ford Plant. –Racquel, 6-8573

Charles Switzer, 1777 Sheridan, is not in favor of the current Ford plan.

Patrick & Tony Conley, From Livable St. Paul, stop the Ford Plan