

Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 9:09 PM
To: Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)
Subject: In support of residents appeal concerning 2146 Grand Avenue

As a resident living at 2128 Lincoln Avenue, I am asking that you recommend a vote in favor of the residents' appeal of the BZA decision.

A few important things to consider:

- * the owner's request for variance was rejected by city staff on 5 of 6 criteria;
- * the owner's excuse is that he was unaware of the regulation, a technically illegitimate argument and one that flies in the face of multiple notices sent to him by the City and UST (this is completely ridiculous, as neighborhood rental and zoning issues have been a huge issue in the last couple of years);
- * the net result of granting the variance cuts the heart out of the ordinance managing student rental density, on which the neighborhood has come to depend;
- * renting to students is a choice on the landlord's part, making him subject to relevant sections of the Code as a matter of his own doing.

Just as a matter of civic governance, it is hard for me to imagine granting such a devastating exception to an important ordinance that the neighborhood was OVERWHELMINGLY in favor of.

Please support the citizens' appeal of the BZA decision on 2146 Grand.

Thank you.

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