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Dear St. Paul City Council members,

My name is Laura and I am a Ward 4 resident, living at 97 Langford Park Apt 4. The process taking place to rush Matt Privratsky into the interim council member role without the full council present at this week's vote is unfair to residents of the ward, and undermines the democratic process altogether.

It seems that this vote was rushed to intentionally stack the council with members in favor of Mayor Carter's intent to rollback rent stabilization protections, which does not align with the views and values of the ward's residents. The votes to appoint an interim council member should have all been taken with all council members present, and decisions about rent stabilization and tenant protections - an extremely important and contentious issue - should not be held until an official council member is duly elected later this year.

Yes, more housing is needed, but renters should not bear those costs while developers bring in profits. To rush a process to make this a reality without all residents being represented in the discussion and the vote is inappropriate and undemocratic.

Thank you,
Laura Marshall
Ward 4 resident