

Opposed to Ordinance

Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Paul Runge, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Paul Runge

Macalester College, Class of 2013

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Dear Councilman Stark

My name is Tess, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Tess Carley

Macalester College, Class of 2013

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Dear Respected Councilmen,

I am sending an email to you to express my opposition against Student Housing Ordinance. I believe that it disproportionately affects Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that students retain full ability to live near campus.

Also, living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

The ordinance does little (by simply halting the expansion of student housing) to address nuisance issues (noise, etc.). While everyone should acknowledge that these issues exist, but they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Thank you for your time. I hope to study and live in a neighborhood where I feel like I am welcomed.

Sincerely,

Jeesun Choi

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Zack Avre, a rising junior at Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

As I understand it, the ordinance would increase competition for off-campus housing, drive up rent and force students to search further afield for off-campus options. I firmly believe that this measure would disproportionately affect Macalester students. Although I am fortunate enough to own a car and have it on campus, none of my friends who will be living off-campus this coming fall will have cars. In fact, only 8% of Macalester students own cars. This makes it vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Furthermore, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, drinking etc.). While, as a Macalester student, I acknowledge that these issues exist and should be addressed, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law. Moreover, I personally feel that holding community forums and workshops with students and residents would be far more beneficial for town-gown relations in St. Paul. Educating students on their role in the St. Paul community and implementing measures, like the Social Host law, that make us responsible community members will do more to alleviate the situation than introducing a punitive ordinance that only increases tension and hostility among all actors.

I also submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation. Personally, I have come to consider the Twin Cities my second home, but I have become worried that I am not necessarily welcome here.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.

If you are not comfortable voting against the ordinance now, however, I urge you to postpone the vote until the fall.

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing. The decision on the ordinance should, at the very least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard.

Again, I encourage you to vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday, or at least postpone the vote. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Zack Avre  
Chuck Green Fellow  
Macalester College '14

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**From:** Samuel Dolce  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 5:08 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Housing Ordinance

Hello Councilman Stark,

My name is Sam Dolce, and I am a resident of Ward 4 in Saint Paul. There is a new college housing ordinance that is up for vote on Tuesday, as I'm sure you are aware. If this passes, I assure you it will have a negative influence for the community surrounding Macalester College. I understand that noise complaints have become a more pressing problem, and St. Thomas is not alone to blame. That being said, as college students and members of the community, it is unethical as well as unintelligent to rob the community of our involvement and participation.

90 percent of students at Macalester College are involved in civic engagement every semester without there being a requirement to do so. This means that the vast majority of the students living off campus are directly involved in voluntary work to improve the community that is trying to disband them due to the crimes of a few (that have been adequately punished with the first fine being over 900 dollars for a reported house party).

Over 70 percent of students at Macalester receive financial aid, with the average sum awarded being 36,540 dollars. That means that the majority of kids attending the college cannot afford to attend the school. Living off campus is much less expensive than living on campus. For that reason the majority of seniors and juniors move off campus. I personally save thousands of dollars a year by living in a house on Ashland Avenue. If this option was not open to me, my ability to attend the school would be in question. If this ordinance passes, then the prices for student housing in the area would sky rocket.

I am from Buffalo, New York, nearly a thousand miles away. Macalester brought me a thousand miles and relocated my efforts to improve the world to this neighborhood. If the government of this city decides to take Macalester and turn it into a bubble instead of an integrated part of the community, its allure is greatly diminished. Students like myself might not be able to afford, and may not want to go to such an institution. The biggest difference between Macalester and other similar institutions is its placement in the middle of a sprawling metropolitan area. While giving tours of campus (my on campus job), one of the most frequently asked questions is "How involved and integrated Macalester students are in the neighborhood?" I am proud to tell multiple stories about my friends' experiences with civic engagement and doing community service.

The problems being faced by our community are not student ghettos, but instead a few college kids being rowdy. Parents do not want their children being woken up by rambunctious college students in the middle of the night. That makes sense. But how does this proposal address that? It is a terrible idea to attack on a part of the community that may be the best set for success in the long run. My time in this city will influence my decision to stay here after graduation.

Why would you scare away the thousands of possible graduates of one of the finest learning institutions in the country from moving into this neighborhood post graduation?

Lastly, this is an attempt to create legislation that would legally authorize an unethical attack on a minority within a greater community. Because we are from across the world it may be believed that we have little voice, due to the fact that a lot of students do not vote in local elections. I will remind you, Macalester students are not known for keeping their opinions quiet, and Macalester graduates in the area are well connected and influential.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and good luck on Tuesday as well as with the rest of your term.

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**From:** Emily Frobom  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 5:43 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Ordinance 12-34 (Version 3)

Dear Councilman,

My name is Emily Frobom, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to ask that the vote on the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) be postponed until fall.

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing. The decision on the ordinance should, at the very least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard.

Please postpone the vote on the student-housing ordinance set for Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Emily Frobom

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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**From:** Emma Pulido  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 6:03 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Housing Ordinance

Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Emma Pulido, a student of Macalester College from New York City, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus in order to maintain our strong and engaged campus community.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law. Pushing students further away from campus will not eliminate these problems, just move them further away.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,  
Emma Pulido

Macalester College, Class of 2014

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**From:** Nicholas Brooks  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 6:23 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Student-Housing Ordinance

Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Nicholas Brooks, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

There are not nearly enough on-campus housing options for Macalester students, and upperclassmen are therefore often forced to seek affordable accommodation off-campus. To my understanding, this ordinance will directly impact their ability to do so by deliberately reducing the number of properties near the campus which can be used for student housing. As students graduate from Macalester each year, many of them stay in the area and find jobs; this means that the properties they were in are no longer available for rising upperclassmen being forced off-campus. It has been several years since Macalester has constructed or expanded any of its residence halls, but the average graduating class size has increased by about 150 students just in the past few years. These students need to be afforded access to affordable housing.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

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For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Nicholas P. Brooks  
Macalester College, Class of 2013

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**From:** Sarah Blau



**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 6:33 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Opposing Ordinance 12-34

Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Sarah Blau, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Sarah Blau  
Macalester College, Class of 2014

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**From:** Patrick Snyder  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 6:41 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** re: proposed student housing ordinance

Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Patrick Snyder, a student of Macalester College, President of the student body, and a voting resident of the Macalester-Groveland community. I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

In my view, this ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. I should note that only 8% of Macalester students own cars, making this last point especially pertinent.

But more importantly, this ordinance would do little to address the problems student housing creates. These problems are pervasive and should be addressed, but this ordinance is not the answer. Measures already in place, like the current Social Host law, are enough from the policy point of view. Instead, there needs to be more dialogue between students and their neighbors--not more bureaucracy that's ineffective, expensive, and hard to enforce. Out of basic dialogue comes mutual respect.

Of course, fostering this sort dialogue is hard. However, as President of Macalester's student body and Student Government, I pledge to work with community members to help do just that. Beyond fostering dialogue between students and their neighbors, there are important steps to be taken by other actors. Among these is the creation of more on-campus options for students, at UST especially, and potentially the development of more apartment-style off-campus options for students. But we can start first with a dialogue.

Finally, I'd like to highlight that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

From my position as a student leader at Macalester, I pledge to help facilitate a dialogue between students and their neighbors. We can learn to live together and be reasonable on a foundation of mutual respect. However, I fear that will not happen through this ordinance.

For these reasons, please vote against this ordinance on June 27th. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Patrick

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**Patrick Snyder**  
Macalester College '13  
President, Macalester College Student Government

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Mackenzie Woolf. I am a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

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Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Mackenzie Woolf

Macalester College, Class of 2014

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Dear Councilman—

My name is Zoe Kusnitz, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

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Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Zoe Kusnitz

Macalester College Class of 2014

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Taren Kingser

**Sent:** Saturday, June 23, 2012 7:26 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4

**Subject:** please postpone voting on student-housing ordinance

Dear Councilman Stark:

My name is Taren Kingser, a recent graduate of Macalester College, and I am writing to ask that the vote on the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) be postponed until fall.

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing. The decision on the ordinance should, at the very least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard.

Please postpone the vote on the student-housing ordinance set for Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Taren Kingser

Macalester College, Class of 2011

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Dear Councilman Stark

My name is Alexzandra Boyer, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to ask that the vote on the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) be postponed until fall.

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing. The decision on the ordinance should, at the very least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard.

Please postpone the vote on the student-housing ordinance set for Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Alexzandra Boyer

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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Dear Mr. Stark,

I hope that my e-mail finds you well. As you can guess, I am writing to you today in opposition to the proposed change to the housing ordinance in the neighborhoods of Mac-Groveland and Merriam Park.

As a student at Macalester College, I chose to move off campus in order to gain independence and the experience living "alone" before I head out into the real world after graduation. I believe that these two years living in a more independent manner are critical to success after college, where my bills won't be paid by Macalester and my sidewalk won't shovel itself. I am now more financially literate, I know how to pay my bills on

time, and I feel comfortable interacting with my landlord. As a result of living off campus, I have been able to grow as a person -- I believe that I am less isolated in the "Macalester bubble," I believe that I am more aware of the concerns of my neighbors, and I believe that I am more aware of the effects of my actions on others.

As I am sure you are aware, Macalester has little space for more student housing, especially the types of student housing which would encourage student independence and accountability. Furthermore, only 8% of Macalester students have cars at schools. I am one of the 92% who don't. Macalester is a demanding school, and I spent countless hours in the library -- often coming home at 12 am or 1 in the morning from a night of studying. The new ordinance would force me, and students like me, to live even further from campus, making the trek home not only lengthy and tiring, but flat out dangerous.

I realize that many of those in support of this new ordinance believe that it will serve to preserve the character and quality of the neighborhood. However, it is not the density of student housing that it at the root of their problem. It is the fact that parties go on too late, that students can be irresponsible and disrespectful when drunk, and that some people are just plain ignorant. Forcing students to move further from campus will not help this problem. I can see the line of thinking, however I believe that these issues are more effectively addressed by the Social Host Law, already in place. In fact, I have experienced the wrath of this law, and I can tell you right now, after paying nearly \$500 dollars (and \$300 dollars opportunity cost), dealing with the inconveniences of court, and completing community service, I will no longer allow gatherings to happen at my house. Although I don't believe that the harsh punishments and spotty enforcements of the Social Host Ordinance are fair, they are more adequate in addressing residents' concerns than this new proposed ordinance.

Finally, I wish to express my frustration that this ordinance has been proposed and is being decided upon at a time when most students are away from St. Paul. I am currently working abroad for the summer in an area without internet access. I would not have even heard of this had it not been for free wifi at the hostel where I am staying only one night. Furthermore, I feel that the timing of this hearing suggests that students' voices are not welcomed in this decisions. Ordinance or not, we are part of the community, and our opinions should be considered. Therefore, if the city is to come to a decision on this case, I suggest that they do so at a time when more students will be present.

Thank you for your time, I hope you are enjoying your summer!

Sincerely,

Rachel Huck  
Political Science, Psychology  
Macalester College | Class of 2013  
Saint Paul, MN

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Karen Weldon, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

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Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Karen Weldon

Macalester College 2014

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Hi Mr. Williams -



I will be a sophomore at Macalester in the fall, and while I can't attend the hearing because I'm home in Portland, Oregon for the summer, I would definitely be present if I were in town. As someone who is planning and relishing living off campus after my sophomore year, this ordinance affects me in a negative way. My peers who live off-campus are respectful and courteous people, and have only mentioned complimentary things about the neighborhood, their neighbors, or their landlords - nothing negative. In order to gain some understanding of the issue, I read through the entire "In Support" document, featuring letters and emails from neighborhood residents arguing that the rowdy behavior that accompanies students living off-campus had reached a point of oversaturating the neighborhood, the ordinance being the solution to the problem. I found it interesting that every complaint had to do with the University of St. Thomas, and not a single one mentioned Macalester. I think this is an important distinction. While St. Thomas may be growing, Macalester has stayed right around 1900-2000 students for the past four years, and my graduating class will be the smallest on campus in the fall - minus the incoming freshman class. So, by the time I reach my senior year, there will most likely be fewer Macalester students living off campus than there are today.

Secondly, I think the distinction between UST and Mac goes beyond enrollment. Macalester attracts a type of student that is very self-aware for his/her age, and who cares deeply about the impact they have on their surroundings. I know this is the typical catchphrase you might see on a Mac pamphlet, but after a year in the school, I can attest for myself that this is true. From a cultural standpoint, the behavior detailed in these letters would be appalling at Mac. We had an incident at our Winter Formal where several students were overly intoxicated and vandalized the building it was hosted in. As a result, several letters to the editor of the Mac Weekly, one by the Dean of Student Life but most by fellow students, detailing their shock and disappointment at how Mac students could behave in this way. While Mac students are obviously not immune to this behavior, I have never seen a fight, broken glass, or vandalism at an off-campus party, and when they are occasionally broken up by police, students leave quietly and respectfully. This is not a put-down of UST; it is a fine school, but this is one area where I think Macalester really excels and is well above average.

Finally, Mac's integration with the neighborhood is central to its character. When I applied to college, I looked at several other well-regarded liberal arts schools, almost identical to Mac on paper. However, I ultimately decided on Mac because of its location - I was impressed with the Twin Cities when I visited, and over the course of the past year, have grown to think of them as my true home. I look forward to moving off campus and integrating with the broader St. Paul community, and definitely envision myself living here after college. However, Mac is expensive, and I'm going into debt to attend. Living off campus is currently cheaper than living on campus, but this ordinance will jack up rent prices to the point that living on campus is potentially the cheaper option. If this is the case, I'll live on campus all four years and not be able to connect with the Cities in the same way I would if I lived off campus. Many, many students share this stance with me, and if we were all deprived of what the city has to offer, that'd be a huge shame.

This ordinance appears to not solve much. College is college - students will drink. And short of condemning *all* off-campus housing, including current student housing, I don't see how this ordinance will stop that. Although I understand that this oversaturation must be frustrating to someone who has lived in the neighborhood for 40 years (as some in favor have), Mac-Groveland housed five colleges well before they moved in, and the "college town" atmosphere certainly preceded their arrival. From a student's point of view, this ordinance will only serve to alienate the college communities from the broader neighborhood. Having grown up in a city similar to St. Paul (Portland) near a very similar college (Reed), I can tell you that this dynamic is not desirable. Most Portlanders view Reedies as elitist, weird, and completely uninterested in the broader Portland community, and it has caused such a problem that Reed recently hired its new President, John Kroger, for the express purpose of creating a stronger bond with the city. This ordinance will push the Mac-Groveland neighborhood towards a similar dynamic, something I doubt any local resident or student would enjoy.

Sincerely,

Will Kent-Daggett  
Macalester College '15

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Dear Councilman Stark—

My name is Rachel Swanson, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

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Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

Macalester is a huge asset to the Twin Cities. Each year, hundreds of students volunteer for non-profits, political campaigns, and in professional capacities. Please respect us by not passing this ordinance. I am originally from Lexington, Kentucky, where the relationship between the University and city is very hostile. I don't want to see this happen with Macalester and St. Paul.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Rachel Swanson

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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Rachel Swanson  
Kentucky Young Democrats Executive Assistant

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"  
-Eleanor Roosevelt

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Dear Councilman Stark—

My name is John Kreitzberg, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

John Kreitzberg

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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Dear Councilman Stark

My name is Fernanda, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving

up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Fernanda Canessa

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Kayla Nussbaum, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

Firstly, the fact that the vote has been set for the summertime speaks volumes about the unwillingness of the city council to engage student input in an issue that directly affects our lives. At the very least this vote should be postponed until the fall, when students

will be back in town, aware of the issue, and in a position to make their voices heard. Furthermore, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kayla Nussbaum

Macalester College '13

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Dear. Mr Stark,

I'm writing to you today to encourage you to vote against the student housing ordinance. Macalester students would be disproportionately affected by this ordinance. Our student body is based in the Macalester-Groveland and Merriam Park neighborhoods. Few of us have cars, and an ordinance like this has the potential to push us far away from campus in addition to driving up the cost of rent. Furthermore, a measure like the one put forth does not fully deal with the issue of building community. Instead of encouraging college students and single-family homes to work together, it creates a divisive atmosphere. Thank you for considering the perspective of the Macalester community. I love living off-campus and hope that other students have the opportunity to learn from an off-campus living experience as well.

Jayne Discenza  
Macalester College '13

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Dear Councilor Stark, Councilor Tolbert and Mr. Williams,

As a current Macalester student I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012, which would require halt any conversion of housing to rental student housing if within 150 feet of another student rental property.

The ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. It can already be an incredible challenge to find off-campus housing, and this ordinariness would only add that frustration and stress that students have to deal with on-top of their academic and extra-curricular work. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that students retain full ability to live near campus. Having lived off campus for the past year, and doing so for the upcoming year, I know it is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and the neighborhood, and because of how positive my experience has been I'm now considering staying in the twin cities after I graduate. While I know that there have been issues with students in the area this ordinance does little (by simply halting the expansion of student housing) to address nuisance issues (noise, etc.). While everyone should acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law. Furthermore few of

these incidence have been caused by Macalester students, and this ordinance would place an unfair burden on students who are generally incredibly well respecting members of our Macalester-Groveland community.

At the very least, I urge you to postpone this vote until latter this fall. No steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most students have gone or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue.

Sincerely,

Brianna Besch

Macalester Class of 2013

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Elizabeth Wiggans and I am a rising sophomore at Macalester College. I have recently been informed of the Student Housing Ordinance coming to a vote this Wednesday and I would like to express my opposition to this ordinance. It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options.

After completing my first year at Macalester, I have come to realize the immense benefits that off-campus housing offers to all students. As a member of Macalester's volleyball team, I was often invited to spend time at off-campus houses. It was such a welcome relief to spend some time off-campus in a house, as opposed to the dorm rooms. I believe the off-campus houses fostered great community growth, both between under and upper classmen students as well as their neighbors. Furthermore, as only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.



Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Elizabeth Wiggans

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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Dear Councilman Tolbert:

My name is Beatrice Rendon, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012. It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

I further submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

Finally, it is disappointing to me that, as far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing and frankly, unfair. Many Macalester students are taxpaying Minnesota residents who deserve to have our voices heard on decisions about our community. The decision on the ordinance should, at the *very* least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Beatrice Rendon

Macalester College, Class of 2013

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Melanie Kern, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Melanie Kern

Macalester College, Class of 2014

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Dear Councilman Stark

My name is Jonathan Gershberg a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to ask that the vote on the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) be postponed until fall.

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing. The decision on the ordinance should, at the very least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard.

Please postpone the vote on the student-housing ordinance set for Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Jonathan Gershberg

Macalester Class of 2013

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Daniel Morel, a Macalester College student, and I am writing this email to discourage you from passing the Student Housing Ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]). I strongly oppose this ridiculous ordinance because it would severely and negatively impact college students, in particular Macalester and St. Thomas students. Student housing is incredibly competitive and difficult to find, and passing this ordinance would only make things worse. Additional properties could not be easily switched to student housing, and prices of existing student housing would likely rise. Also, looking further off campus for Macalester Students is truly not a realistic option, as only 8% of students have a car. Lastly, the possible benefits of the ordinance seem minimal, and it does very little to actually address problems that are sometimes associated with student housing, such as noise. Please consider a different plan of action if that is the issue at hand.

For the above reasons, I urge you to vote against the student housing ordinance. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Morel  
Macalester College, Class of 2013

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Dear Councilman Stark

My name is Carey Hert, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to ask that the vote on the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) be postponed until fall.

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing. The decision on the ordinance

should, at the very least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard. It is incredibly frustrating to feel so powerless about the situation.

Please postpone the vote on the student-housing ordinance set for Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Carey, class of 2013

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Shasta Webb, a senior at Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Shasta Webb  
Macalester College Class of 2013

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Dear Councilman Stark—

My name is Josie, and as a student of Macalester College, I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

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Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Josie Ahrens

Macalester College, Class of 2014

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Jeanne Stuart, and I am a student at Macalester College. I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

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Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Jeanne Stuart  
Macalester College 2014

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Councilman Stark,

My name is Harry Kent, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012. It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus. Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law. Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Harry Kent  
Macalester College '13  
Geography, Urban Studies, Hispanic Studies

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Councilmember Stark,

My name is Jonas Buck, a student at Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

The Macalester community would be unfairly affected by the proposed ordinance and has risen in opposition to it. Our administration has officially opposed the ordinance and members of the student body have sent dozens of messages to you and your fellow Councilmembers. Please consider how this ordinance unfairly singles out students before voting on it.

The word 'student' in the ordinance could be replaced with a number of other identifiers to make this law outrageously discriminatory. This ordinance is no less deleterious than if it were directed at "immigrant housing," "low income housing." There is a bitter history of ordinances and covenants being used to remove certain groups of people from neighborhoods, and this is one of them.

By reducing available student housing, this ordinance will increase competition for off-campus housing, thus driving up rent and forcing students to search further away for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus. Macalester does not guarantee housing to its juniors and seniors, so students will still need to live off campus.



Furthermore, this ordinance would not resolve complaints about students living in residential neighborhoods. While issues surrounding noise and conflicting lifestyles exist, the city's Social Host Law already addresses them. This ordinance would not do anything to prevent off-campus partying.

Living in a neighborhood, instead of on campus, has drastically improved my connection to the City of Saint Paul. For the first time in three years, I now consider Saint Paul my home (I grew up in Seattle) and would like to stay here and become a public school teacher. This ordinance sends the message that Saint Paul does not value its students and the contributions we can make to the city.

Please take these arguments into consideration and vote against the proposed housing ordinance.

Best,  
Jonas Buck  
Macalester College '13

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Graham Sutherland, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

Those are my general reasons for opposing the ordinance, but I also have personal experience that I believe strengthens the point. I have now been living off-campus for over a year, and have found it useful in connecting with the community, with the added opportunity to stay beyond the academic year and pursue employment in the Twin Cities. I have been able to experience what it is like to live in St. Paul and have held two internships and, due to the networking I have created here, now am planning in staying

here after I graduate. If I had not been able to live off-campus during the school year, I would likely have gone home to Seattle for the summers where my housing would not be as restricted. And my experience is not unique: many Macalester students use off-campus housing as a springboard into becoming a professional member of the Twin Cities community. These are formative years when decisions are made that will affect the rest of our lives, and it would be a shame for an external factor such as this ordinance to restrict those decisions and limit the potential of both students and the Twin Cities.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Graham Sutherland

Macalester College, Class of 2013

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Dear Councilman Stark

My name is P.J. Murphy, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

P.J. Murphy

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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Hi Russ,

I'm Diego Ruiz, a recent graduate of Macalester College. (I was the TA in Dan Trudeau's Urban Studies class where you spoke about the Central Corridor a couple years ago.)

I'm intending to stay in the Twin Cities rather than return to my native San Francisco to work at College Possible, a St. Paul non-profit. One of the main reasons I've decided to stay in the Twin Cities was because of my experience living off-campus, mostly in your ward. I lived on a fantastic block of St. Clair avenue, and had great neighbors. The ease, affordability, and independence of living off-campus was one of the main things that convinced me to stay in Minnesota after graduating.

I'm troubled by the most recent version of the Student Housing Ordinance, currently scheduled for a vote this Wednesday. While I agree that there are serious issues concerning parking, noise on weekend nights, and other nuisances that need to be worked out between students and other neighborhood residents, this ordinance will only make issues worse by not addressing the root of the problems and leaving students feeling disenfranchised and left out of the process. Therefore, I urge you to vote against the ordinance, or to at least to postpone the vote until fall so students can be part of the process.

Thanks for considering my views.

Sincerely,  
Diego Ruiz

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Dear Councilman Stark—

My name is Michelle Einstein, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Michelle Einstein

Macalester College, Class of 2014

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Kiyal Eresen, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]).

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the world or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing. Thus, the ordinance should be voted against in provision of the long-term financial and logistic issues the students will surely face.

Please vote against on the student-housing ordinance set for Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

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Macalester College, Class of 2014

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Kelly Hardin and I am a student of Macalester College. I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus. Housing expenses both on- and off-campus are significant as it is, and increases in rent expenses will put a strain on some students' finances while creating more competition for on-campus housing.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation. As a student living in an off-campus house, I can confirm that the experiences I have had in this local community have had a huge and positive impact on my college experience.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Kelly Hardin

Macalester College, Class of 2014

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Dear Councilman Stark.

My name is Ceren Kaysadi, a student of Macalester College coming from Turkey, and I am writing to ask that the vote on the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) be postponed until fall.

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. I myself is currently in my home country, Turkey, where it is too far away to even share my concerns with my friends. This is disappointing. The decision on the ordinance should, at the very least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard.

Please postpone the vote on the student-housing ordinance set for Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Ceren Kaysadi

Macalester College, Class of 2014

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Dear Councilperson Stark,  
Please vote no against the Student Housing Ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]).  
I am not from the Twin Cities. I am from out in Washington State. Yet, because of how I fell in love with the Twin Cities during my tenure at Macalester College, I consider myself to be a proud member of the Twin Cities community, living, working, and contributing to the greatness that is Minneapolis and Saint Paul.  
If I had been unable to live affordably in the MacGroveland neighborhood, nearby Macalester yet off-campus, my connection to the Cities would have been far more shallow. I would probably be living somewhere else now, if I had not been able to meet and make friends with my neighbors on Ashland, and later on Selby. I remember going with my neighbor, a lifetime MacGroveland resident, when she offered to walk me to our nearby polling place, to vote for you!  
Please vote no against the Student Housing Ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]).  
All my best,  
Hannah Rivenburgh  
Macalester College Class of 2010

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Dear Councilman Stark,

I am, soon to be, a Junior at Macalester College. I would like to express how this Student Housing Ordinance would affect me and my fellow classmates.

Firstly, this ordinance does not do much in addressing nuisance issues, such as noise. I agree that everyone should acknowledge that these issues exist however

it would be more effective if it were addressed by city actions like the Social Host law.

Secondly, living off campus is a valuable experience for me and my classmates and the Twin Cities. It allows students like myself to foster a relationship with the neighborhood and motivate me to work in the Twin Cities after graduation.

Lastly and importantly, this ordinance would only increase competition for student housing (because the campus cannot house all students) which will increase rent and cause students to live farther from campus. Living farther away from campus is particularly difficult because of a lack of a car and being out in the cold weather.

As an international student, I would like to truly immerse myself in the Twin Cities and gain an experience of living within the neighborhood. I cannot do this if this ordinance is accepted because of transportation and price issues.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sabrina

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Kathryn Hathaway, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.



Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Kathryn Hathaway

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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Dear Council members and Community Leaders,

Please do not deny us the privilege to rent housing in the Mac-Groveland area. We are a valuable part of this community and we appreciate being part of this neighborhood, do not discontinue our ability to live here. As a student who lives on campus I urge you to oppose this ordinance and allow our neighborhoods to thrive!

Best,  
Ilana Master

Ilana Master  
Macalester College '14

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Jocelyne Cardona, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to ask that the vote on the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) be postponed until fall.

As far as I am aware, no steps have been made to hold a public hearing on the Macalester College campus regarding this issue, nor have city council representatives been sent to hear the side of the people most adversely affected by the proposed ordinance. That this whole process is being concluded in the summer, when most of us have gone to other parts of the country or are not fully engaged, suggests that the voice of students is not

needed, considered, or welcomed on this issue. This is disappointing. The decision on the ordinance should, at the very least, be put off until the fall, when students can be informed and make their voices heard.

Please postpone the vote on the student-housing ordinance set for Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Jocelyne Cardona

Macalester College, Class of 2014

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Dear Councilman Stark,

My name is Sonia Pollock, a student of Macalester College, and I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday.  
Thank you.

Regards,

Sonia Pollock

Macalester College, Class of 2015

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Dear Mr. Williams,

My name is Kelly Hardin and I am a student of Macalester College. I am writing to express my full opposition to the student-housing ordinance (Ordinance 12-34 [Version 3]) coming to a vote on June 27, 2012.

It is my understanding that the ordinance would disproportionately affect Macalester students by increasing competition for off-campus housing, driving up rent and forcing students to search further afield for off-campus options. As only 8% of Macalester students own cars, it is vital that we retain full ability to live near campus. Housing expenses both on- and off-campus are significant as it is, and increases in rent expenses will put a strain on some students' finances while creating more competition for on-campus housing.

Moreover, it seems that the ordinance does little to address nuisances (noise, etc.). While, as a student of Macalester College, I acknowledge that these issues exist, they are much more aptly addressed by city actions such as the current Social Host law.

Finally, I submit that living off-campus is an incredibly valuable experience for students and the Twin Cities alike. It fosters a strong connection between students and their neighborhoods, making them much more likely to decide to keep their motivated, skilled labor in the Twin Cities post-graduation. As a

student living in an off-campus house, I can confirm that the experiences I have had in this local community have had a huge and positive impact on my college experience.

For these reasons, please vote against the student-housing ordinance on Wednesday. Thank you.

Regards,

Kelly Hardin

Macalester College, Class of 2014