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Dear Charter Commissioners:

On behalf of UFCW Local 1189, I urge you to vote yes on the proposed charter amendment CCI 23-5. UFCW 1189 represents thousands of grocery retail workers in St. Paul and the surrounding suburbs.

UFCW 1189 supports the proposed amendment because a hearing for a proposed Commercial Development District (CDD) affects more than just the Ward where the district would be located. Recently, there was a CDD that was created in the new Highland Bridge project that affected our members who work at the Lund's store in the area. Our members who work at that store, do not just live in Ward 3, but live all over the city of St. Paul. Requiring the hearing to be held in Ward 3 while it affects people's jobs all over the city does not make sense. The City Council should have the ability to hold the hearing where the public will have the greatest ability to participate.

Please support this commonsense change, so that the CDD hearings can be scheduled for the convenience of all St. Paul residents.

Sincerely,

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