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**Subject:** Overbuilding Concerns and Fairmount Variance

Mr. Tolbert and Mr. Diatta -

I am one of those concerned about the impact of overbuilding and teardowns in our established neighborhoods. Anything that opens up even more opportunities for builders to unscrupulously erase the urban fabric is something to be avoided. Even *with* regulations, builders are putting up cookie cutter boxes that are virtually unchanged from block to block. I am hearing nothing positive from any of my neighbors about this troubling trend.

I live in St. Paul precisely because I do not want to live in a Suburban City.

The lot line variance for the 1900 block of Fairmount is one of those things that provides a precedence that will lead to unintended future consequences if allowed. There are achievable solutions to renovation and expansion of a house without getting into abnormal lot line configurations.

The fact that it was not approved by Mac-Groveland CC or Zoning's own staff makes us wonder why those regulations and requests for public input are in place.

Another view of the issue:

<http://kindadifferent.net/wp/index.php/2015/07/18/californication/>

I will not be able to attend the Sept 2 hearing, but I would like our voices to be heard anyway. Please vote against this variance.

Thank you.

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