

From: Ryder Seeler [<mailto:ryderseeler@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 9:19 PM
To: Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)
Subject: 2330 Long Ave Development CONCERN

Hello, my name is Ryder Seeler I've owned 869 Raymond Ave. in St Paul since 2004. My family and I have enjoyed living in St. Anthony Park and all that it has to offer as a neighborhood community and in terms of small businesses. I shop at Knoll hardware, eat at Foxy Falafel and keep a small office on University Ave. for my own business. Before living on Raymond Ave. I rented an apartment on Como Ave. and Scudder Ave. So, I've lived in Saint Anthony Park for a while and it is true that I love it.

I wanted to give a little context to my concern about the proposed rezoning from T2 to T3 at 2330 Long Ave. because I believe that this area should strive to maintain the qualities I've enjoyed during my time living in this community. I believe that by allowing buildings to be raised above 2 stories in this residential portion of the neighborhood would cause a number of problems and ultimately cause a detriment to the very desirable qualities the neighborhood has to offer.

There are a number of very large developments that have just gone in near 2330 Long Ave. But are distinctly different because they are a block or less off the Green Line and are not surrounded by residential single family homes, like 2330 Long Ave is.

Also, I know that the developer of proposed building at 2330 Long has claimed that the area needs more housing opportunities, but I'm interested to know how many units are available at the gigantic new Union Flats someone is erecting at Hampden and Charles? Or how many units are still unoccupied at the Ray? or C/E Lofts? In fact there's been a rental down the street available for some time now.

When Raymond Ave was recently redone and the parking on my side of the street was taken away, it was hard to get used to but I understood that the bicycle traffic needed the space. I was very disappointed that many of the plans to slow (or "calm") traffic were not included in the final reconstruction of Raymond Ave. I can tell you that the traffic is as bad as ever and I fear for my son's life every time we walk on Raymond Ave and approach the curve where Long Ave. meets Raymond Ave. It would be so frustrating to see this rezoning contribute to the over population and chaos of our small residential area within this great community. Rezoning at 2330 Long WILL result in even less parking for those of us who live and operate businesses here already and it could result in this area having more accidents caused by congestion and traffic. There are many aspects of the proposed rezoning that don't coordinate with the lifestyle of the actual residents and business owners such as myself. I'd hate to have a high rise block the morning sun that shines in my front window or have it block the full moon when my son gazes out to see it before bed.

Please do not allow the 2330 Long Ave. development to rezone the proposed area.

Thanks,
Ryder Seeler
869 Raymond Ave.
St Paul MN 55114