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Subject: Application to rezone 2069 Marshall Ave. St. Paul, MN
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To: St. Paul City Council

From: Mike and Ellen Burke
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Re Application to rezone 2069 Marshall Ave. St. Paul, MN

Dear St. Paul City Council Members,

Our names are Mike and Ellen Burke. We are lifetime St. Paul residents. We have five children and have lived at our home at 2103 Iglehart Ave. St. Paul, MN for 22 years. We love this neighborhood and hope to continue to live here for many more years.

We have learned that an application has been filed with the City of St. Paul requesting that the City rezone the current property at 2069 Marshall Ave., one block south of us, that would allow the building of a 5-story apartment complex at that location.

We **oppose** the application to rezone 2069 Marshall Ave. that would allow the building of a 5-story apartment complex.

Loss of sunlight. We understand that a 5-story apartment complex would block the sunlight from the properties of three of our Iglehart neighbors who live directly (north) across the alley from that 2069 Marshall Ave. property. Those neighbors have been in their homes long before someone made application that would allow the building of a 5-story apartment complex across the alley from them. Approval to build a 5-story apartment complex will take sunlight from those long-time property owners. Would anyone on the Council want the City to permit someone to build a 5-story apartment complex that would take away sunlight from their property?

Loss of Parking. Where will all the tenants of that 5-story apartment complex park? Does the applicant, builder or anyone else guarantee that each tenant will have a parking space on the premises of that 5-story apartment complex? If not, then each car that does not have a parking stall will park on the street. Whose street? And how many cars will that be? Will they park on Marshall Ave? Or around the corner on Cleveland? Or Iglehart? We envision that there will be many cars that will park on Iglehart Ave. – either because no closer parking is available or because it is easier/faster to park on Iglehart so as not to hunt for another parking spot.

So, what happens to the Iglehart residents – and family/friends/visitors of the Iglehart residents – who have been parking in front of their homes for years – where do they go when the tenants of that 5-story apartment complex (and those visiting the apartment tenants) are parking in front of the homes of the Iglehart residents? We submit that the Iglehart residents and their family members, friends and visitors – will lose significant parking in front of their homes if that 5-story apartment complex is built. And what about those times when there are family events – for Iglehart residents as well as the apartment residents – where does everyone park when there is already increased street parking due to the 5-story apartment complex? And how long will a car(s) stay parked on the street if the car owner does not plan on driving for several days (or longer)? Without any incentive to move the car, then that space will not be available to anyone else – including, especially including, the Iglehart resident who would otherwise park in that space because it is in front of the resident's home. We envision the

Iglehart residents becoming the “parking police” if such is what would be needed to enforce any City-imposed restrictive parking rules – an unwanted, unpleasant situation in our opinion. Again, we ask Would anyone on the Council want the City to permit someone to build a 5-story apartment complex that would take away parking in front of their home with the above-envisioned consequences?

More traffic. Obviously, building a 5-story apartment complex will increase the number of people in the neighborhood from the current population, which we believe will increase the traffic assuming that both tenants of the 5-story apartment complex and their visitors will be using cars to/from the building. And we envision that the alley between Cleveland and Finn that services the residents of both Marshall and Iglehart will see a large increase in traffic, as will Iglehart. We oppose an increase in traffic for both safety and noise reasons.

We **oppose** the application to rezone 2069 Marshall Ave. to allow the building of a 5-story apartment complex.

Sincerely,

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