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To: [*CI-StPaul](#); [Contact-Council](#); [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Testimony to Vote NO to RES PH 24-39
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 8:00:19 AM

Hello,

My name is Andrea Buiser and I am a resident of Ward 1. I am writing about RES PH 24-39: "Approving the application of Pro-Life Action Ministries for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Good Friday Solemn Prayer Vigil on March 29, 2024 at the intersection of Charles Ave and Vandalia Street." I strongly urge the Council, all candidates endorsed by political pro-choice organization Women Winning, to vote NO to this resolution, denying the application from Pro-Life Action Ministries to present amplified sound at the intersection of Charles and Vandalia.

For five years, I worked full time as an Abortion Clinic Assistant at Planned Parenthood at 671 Vandalia Street, right next to where this Vigil will be taking place. For five years, I have seen the individuals from Pro-Life Action Ministries use their platform to intimidate and bully individuals trying to enter this particular Planned Parenthood location. I saw firsthand the effects of these intimidation tactics that Pro-Life Action Ministries have had on people with appointments at this Planned Parenthood location, many of whom were women of color seeking abortion care. It is well within anyone's right to seek out abortion care and organizations such as Pro-Life Action Ministries make it exceedingly difficult. Personally, I find the behavior of Pro-Life Action Ministries at this particular Planned Parenthood quite reprehensible and I am urging you to vote no to this resolution, forcing them to seek another location for their Vigil. I would suggest that Pro Life Action Ministries have this vigil at Abria Pregnancy Resources at 2200 University Avenue West, Suite 160 as an alternative. I strongly believe that the yearly Good Friday Solemn Prayer Vigil targets and negatively affects members of the community at large and I hope you consider my testimony and vote no to this application for amplified sound at Charles and Vandalia.

Please reach out with any questions/comments at all. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Buiser