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Re: Public Hearing, Sound Level Variance Kraus Anderson Construction Company & Ramsey Company 238 University

City Council members, and all other relevant parties, thank you for taking the time to consider community input on this matter.

As a thirteen year resident of St Anthony Park (specifically the Carlton Artist Lofts), I have grown to love my neighborhood and community. Unfortunately that love has been tested by all manner of construction throughout most of that time. The start of the 238 University Apartments project however, marks the first time I have been consistently disrupted by construction taking place a full city block from my apartment. This alone is concerning, but now I find myself additionally concerned over how much more disruptive that project could get.

During previous construction projects I worked second-shift at a grocery store, which meant I was routinely woken before managing a full night's sleep. But it also meant my days off rarely fell on the weekend, when construction was not occurring. Luckily there was not a pandemic at the time, so I was able to enjoy my days off by spending them away from home, and therefore away from the unpredictable noise that invariably comes with construction. Unfortunately (for so very many more reasons than this), we are now in the midst of a pandemic, as well as the coldest part of our winters, so places to seek reprieve are few to none.

If being disturbed by construction in our neighborhood included a tangible benefit for residents, it would be easy to graciously accommodate these sorts of requests. But the only result of all this construction that I have noticed as a resident, is that my rent increases every year.

Since I can see no benefit to agreeing to be intensely and constantly disturbed for at least the next five weeks, I ask the council to deny this sound variance request and ask the construction apply less disruptive solutions to this aspect of construction.

Thank you again for considering the residents of this neighborhood in this decision,

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