

Dear Councilmember Carter,

I am writing to you in support of Pizza Luce and their intended/proposed parking area located on the south side of Selby Avenue.

Shortly after this Selby Avenue building was posted as an Auction sale, I contacted the selling representative and scheduled a walk-through. I had an open mind when I arrived at the property because the Selby Avenue exterior view offered potential for my business expansion to that location. I was shocked by the condition of the property. During the walk-through I noted the smell of decay from rat carcasses decomposing on the floor, a crumbling foundation, a large gaping hole adjacent to the rear entrance, deteriorating parking surface and fencing, as well as other structural and cosmetic problems. At the conclusion of the walk-through I stated the only thing that can save this property is bring in a bulldozer and put up a parking lot.

It should be noted that for several months this property was vacant and listed before Pizza Luce made the purchase.

I would like to thank Pizza Luce for purchasing this property and eliminating this hazard from our neighborhood! Pizza Luce is a great neighbor and I kindly ask the City Council to support their south-side parking area.

Sincerely,  
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