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I am a life long resident in Merriam Park a  
I am CHARLOTTE BERRIS, 1919 IGLEHART AVENUE. I am reading  
a letter from an 85 year old woman,

Intro: Mary Anderson, who lives next door to the Marshall & Moore project, <sup>She</sup> cannot be here tonight and asked me to read this letter from her. You may recall her comments made at the Marshall Avenue moratorium public hearing last year. She is the dignified lady who said she had lived on Marshall Avenue for over 65 years, and that she was "in it for the long haul." Just know my heart goes out to her as I live next to 1911-1905 Iglehart with 2 historic homes that also have been considered for an apartment.  
Dear Council President Brendmoen and Councilmembers, We love our historic family based neighborhood.

My name is Mary Anderson, and I live at 1969 Marshall Avenue, in the first house, immediately adjacent to the east of the proposed huge Marshall & Moore Apartments project, which I am just sick to think may be built next door to my home.

- I have been a resident on Marshall Avenue for over 65 years, have no plans to move, and I am truly in it for the long haul.
- I take great pride in my home and being a part of a wonderful diverse neighborhood.
- Over the years, I have watched the neighborhood evolve and change as big families moved out of the large Marshall Avenue homes: I have welcomed student housing, sober houses, and other adaptive uses that allow these historic homes to be converted for many renters and not torn down; this preserves the general feel, scale, and historic character of the neighborhood.
- My house is indeed historic and was designed by the prominent St. Paul architect J. Walter Stevens.
- It was built by my late husband's grandfather in 1883. The Anderson family has occupied this home continually since it was constructed, and it still retains its beautiful original Victorian interiors.
- Last year, Jon Schwartzman was aggressively pushing me to sell my home, in order that he could tear it down, which was insulting to me, to make way for an even larger apartment building than the project he has now proposed. He offered me an obscene amount of money but was clear he wanted to demolish the home I love. Despite his high-price offers, I will not sell.
- It truly saddens me to think that such important Marshall Avenue landmarks like my home, and the two homes Mr. Schwartzman owns at 1973 and 1977 Marshall, could so easily disappear.
- Despite what you may have heard, Mr. Schwartzman's proposed apartment building will have an enormous negative and unreasonable impact on me and my home, and surrounding neighbors:
  - Traffic, car noise, lights, and exhaust at all times of the day to access 8 garages along the side yard, right next to my house. I cannot understand why this obnoxious side-yard parking arrangement would be permitted in between buildings in a residential neighborhood like ours;
  - I am worried that water and melting snow from the side-yard driveway will flood my property;
  - And the oversized building will block sunlight to my backyard gardens, which have taken me many years and lots of energy to create. They are my pride and joy.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this project and its unreasonable negative impact on surrounding neighbors and properties. Please vote in support of this Appeal and overturn the Planning Commission's decision.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Anderson

And I say thank you for all the work you do on the City Council. My first time here.  
Thank you for your patience.