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Dear Members of the St Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority

As a St Paul homeowner, property tax payer and educator I'm writing to endorse and encourage sale of an HRA parcel of land at 192 Sherburne to Charter School Property, Inc. It appears that this sale will have numerous benefits for the city

- It will produce a new play area for children, without cost to taxpayers either in its creation or in its maintenance. That's because the school will pay for both construction and maintenance.
- It will generate more than \$170,000 that HRA can use to do other work benefitting local residents
- It will put something constructive on land that current is vacant.
- It will be part of a larger project that will benefit both students in the school and the broader community.

These all seem like positive, valuable additions to St Paul. Thanks for considering this sale. I urge you to move ahead. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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