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Subject: Sound Level Variance Request 238 University Apartments
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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 our input regarding this matter.

We, the collective undersigned residents of St Anthony Park, have been discussing concerns over the 238 University Apartments construction since construction at that site began in earnest. Some of us have experienced vibrating inside our apartments that causes things to rattle and clatter, some of us have been awakened in the early hours of the morning by incredible noise, and some of us have had our work days interrupted by both of these things. We find ourselves newly concerned by the request to increase this noise (either by decibel or duration, it is not entirely clear).

As you are acutely aware, many of us are now working from home, or are working new jobs that require us to work "odd" hours. Working from home presents it's own challenges, but adding loud, unpredictable, and possibly unrelenting noises during the whole of regular working hours would be an unprecedented challenge, especially considering there are precious few alternative spaces to work from in the city at large. Working jobs that begin second shift and later require an alternative sleep schedule. Being awoken at 7am by loud, unpredictable, and possibly unrelenting noises that could run well into a second shift-start time could render a restful night's sleep unobtainable.

It is doubly concerning to us that over the last 10+ years of construction in our four block area, we have never seen a sound level variance request. That is not to say we haven't had our daily lives disrupted by those construction projects, but rather we are now deeply concerned how much more our (already incredibly disrupted) daily lives will be even further disrupted by this project.

We do not enjoy being inflexible on this matter, but we feel we have been asked to be infinitely flexible by a never ending parade of construction, and have seen little to no respite. We, the collective undersigned residents of St Anthony Park, ask that the Council (and any other relevant parties) to please deny this request, and ask that Kraus Anderson Construction Company & Ramsey Company 238 University Apartments seek a less intrusive solution regarding this element of construction.

We would like to again thank the Council (and all other relevant parties) for including our voices in this decision.

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