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Good Evening City Council Members,

My name is Dameon Johnson and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Emerald Valley Industries, LLC. I do apologize for coming to you all so late in the process, but I just heard about the property located at 499 Snelling Ave. North, St. Paul, MN, on 10/31/2025, and I have been trying to reach the realtor and ownership regarding my interest in the property. I tuned into to the November 5, 2025 City Council Meeting on the LIVE Stream, and I am aware of the unanimous vote to raise that building at that site. However, I do humbly ask for reconsideration of this vote and to provide me time to work with both CVS and the property ownership (and their legal counsel), to work out an offer to purchase the property. I do have a great plan for the property that will bring new industry to the city and a one-of-a-kind destination project to the area. Since November 2, through November 5, 2025, I have been communicating with the City Planner, Mr. Anthony Johnson and Senior Project Planner, Ms. Annie Byrne, regarding my interest in the site and my planned use.

I have been awarded pre-approval for a cannabis micro-business license for the State of Minnesota. I have put together an extraordinary team of individuals with over fifty years of combined experience in the cannabis industry, where we operated in states like California, Washington, Michigan, and Illinois. Finding suitable sites in the state has been challenging and after spending the past six months scouring the state, we thought that this site, is the BEST we have seen and our team already voted to commit all of our attention and resources, into redeveloping this site into a project that everyone can be proud of. My primary interest in that site is to renovate the current property, instead of doing a new construction project. I am already in a timeline to go operational within eighteen months, which would put me with an opening date of 11/27/2026. Doing a new construction project would not be feasible within that amount of time.

Allowing a reconsideration of this vote, will bring a fresh vision to the site that will bring an eye-sore into being a great compliment for new business growth to the area, by providing new jobs, new tax revenue, and a clean and secure site. My plan is to operate the entire business operation from that single site, which would be like no other that we have ever seen, even with our experience. Again, I do apologize for being so late to the party, but I do believe that I can save this building and make it a jewel for the community. I welcome any and all discussions regarding this site, and I thank you in

advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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