



To: HRAHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us; contact-council@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Subject: Statement of Support Re Sale of HRA-owned parcel to Charter School Property Inc.

Dear HRA Board Commissioners,

I understand that on April 28th the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul will vote on the sale of an HRA-owned parcel located at 192 Sherburne Avenue to Charter School Property, Inc., an affiliated building company of St. Paul City School.

I am writing in support of this resolution.

The sale of this parcel, which has been vacant for many years, will help facilitate an advantageous site design for a new campus for St. Paul City School that consolidates its full PK-12 program from three separate sites to a single unified campus.

The use of this parcel and surrounding parcels for St. Paul City School's public charter school program has the support and approval of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board and the League of Minnesota Cities. The proposed use also aligns with the Capitol Area Comprehensive Plan, meets zoning and design requirements, and meets the HRA's compliance requirements for the disposition of the land.

As a community and strategic partner of St. Paul City School I am extremely excited about the new campus and the opportunity the district will have to continue the full service community school model. The new facility will bring improved educational amenities and opportunities to St. Paul City School students and families.

St. Paul City School is a well establish high quality school option for families in St. Paul and has a strong track record of community partnership that I am confident will continue at its new location. **Again, I strongly encourage your support of this sale.**

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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