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**Subject:** Shepard/Davern Project

Hello Council Members,

I urge you to vote "NO" on the Johnson Brother's variance located at Shepard & Davern.

The Shepard/Davern Task Force and The Great River Passage spent many hours on accepting a 55' height limit, so for them to come back asking for a variance to build 73' (and possibly more) was very disturbing to us neighbors. Many who live in this neighborhood would like to see sunshine before high noon, and this will not happen if indeed this variance is granted.

Aren't we in this to protect our Great River Passage? And then to think this is only the first of possibly six buildings JB's will be building, does this set precedence for the remaining five if this new height is approved?

I hope you will all do the right thing and vote this variance down...I've read in the news about too many politicians who've had their pockets "padded" with BIG business payoff, just for the vote they are so hoping to get.

The way this variance has been fast-tracked through Zoning & the Planning Commission without even hearing the points in opposition, many of us are wondering if Saint Paul could be in the news next...and why the DNR's report was never heard on this is even more reason to suspect.

I hope you all will do the right thing and vote NO...you were voted in to represent your constituents (us) and this certainly is not what this neighborhood wants.

JB is not offering any amenities for the neighborhood other than a coffee shop...we have one right next to McDonald's a few blocks away. They're claiming hardship due to the bedrock but Highland Pointe has the same bedrock --- and shouldn't they have known this when they first bought the property? You all know the answer, and this variance is only to make more profit with building higher and having more apartments. Many call that Greed!!

You already allowed the Edina Reality site approved in Highland Village with much protest from neighbors...if you want to lose even more votes on your next election, our neighborhood vote is going to be even more alarming if you vote YES.

And this is not a threat, it's reality.

Thank you for listening...your constituents need you!!

Cathy Gagliardi

PS: Mr. Stark is not on this email...and you will find out on Wed that HE is going to be the one to push this through.