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To Whom It Concerns:

Hamline Midway Coalition **OPPOSES** the granting of the Conditional Use Permit and Zoning Variances requested by The Driessen Group, LLC. to allow for the construction of a Goodwill retail outlet at 1221 University Avenue.

While HMC believes that this is a worthy project, the nature and scope of the requested CUP and variances demonstrate that this is an auto-oriented development on a site that is prime for transit-oriented development. The variance for parking frontage on University Avenue is particularly problematic.

Given the significant investment in the Green Line LRT, and the zoning that was created to compliment that investment, the era of University Avenue as a corridor of large parking lots and auto-oriented uses ought to be behind us. In this case, the City of Saint Paul can and should adhere to the intent of the zoning code.

Thank you for your consideration.

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