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To whom it may concern. I write to you in support of the University of St. Thomas basketball and hockey arena construction. I live at 2170 Summit Ave, St Paul, MN 55105. This relates to the issue at hand for 2260 Summit Avenue Appeal File #: 24-039-050 Site Plan File #: 23-079-985.

I think the arena will improve campus life at St Thomas and also be a great asset to the St Paul community in particular both for the economic benefit but also for the possible community benefit related to youth sports. It seems the university should be able to build on its own property. I believe work is being done on mitigating strategies related to parking issues when there are large crowds at games but I also believe those larger games will not be that frequent. This will add to the pride in St Paul and contribute to the quality of life for the broader community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Fr Christopher Collins, SJ