## Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

From:

Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul)

Sent:

Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:04 AM

To:

Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

Cc: Subject: Dorian Nelson; John Weiberg; Stephanie Weiberg Re: Support for 1946 Wellesley Avenue Project

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From: Stephanie Weiberg <stephaniestueber@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 10:54:35 AM

To: Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul) < Matthew.Graybar@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Cc:** Dorian Nelson <dorian.nelson@hbfuller.com>; John Weiberg <jnweiberg@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Support for 1946 Wellesley Avenue Project

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Dear Mr. Graybar and Board of Zoning Appeals -

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed project at 1946 Wellesley Avenue (Nelson family home). It has come to my attention that the Board of Zoning Appeals has denied a variance request on this project. While I do not claim to know all details of the project, I have reviewed the letters that have come to my home from the City of St. Paul advising of the project and the requested variances and we (myself and my family) do not have any issues with the proposed plans. In fact, I welcome this kind of development to the neighborhood – it is always good to see neighbors wanting to make investments and improvements to their homes, this only adds to the value of the neighborhood.

The denial of their height variance request is disappointing to me. The Nelson family is a tax paying family that has established themselves in this neighborhood and community. They are not out of town builders looking to gut the existing structure and put cheap updates in to flip the house quickly for a profit. They are a family that is looking to invest in their family home so it can be improved and expanded and they can remain a tax paying family of St. Paul.

It sounds like the Nelson family has been willing to compromise and has revised plans after discussions with the Housing and Land Use Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council. I hope that you can review all the details of this request again and ensure that you have all the accurate information when you consider this appeal.

I strongly urge you to reconsider your denial of the height variance. Please approve the height variance request for the project at 1946 Wellesley Avenue.

Thank you for your time, Stephanie and John Weiberg and family 1949 Wellesley Avenue