

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my support for the **THE STUDENT RENTAL OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE**

I am a landlord with properties in Minneapolis and the Mac-Groveland area. I own and live in a duplex on Goodrich Avenue and rent out my upstairs apartment. I am also a Professor Emeritus of Environmental Engineering at the University of Minnesota and I understand the need for balanced growth in our neighborhood.

Our experience in this neighborhood is that when we have a large number of students living together in one area we typically have more problems with noise, parties and unruly behavior. In fairness it is only a few students who cause the problems but nevertheless this proves problematic for residents close by. I believe that if the student population is more uniformly integrated into a community then they are more likely to be respectful of their neighbors and cause less problems. For this reason I support a more enlightened approach to balancing student housing density in our neighborhood. I believe the proposed ordinance is a good attempt at achieving this.

Respectfully submitted,

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