

## Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

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**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2015 3:07 PM  
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**Subject:** File 15-144105, Appeal hearing

Mr. Diatta,

I wish to restate our continued strong support for the variance for 1916 Fairmount Ave. We have expressed our support opening at the community council meeting and in a prior email to you supporting this variance.

We do not support reversal of the granted variance.

We have talked with our neighbors and, like them, mourn the loss of green space, but that should not color our decision at this time. As the site has options to be developed, it is a choice of the best way to develop it.

The street view of the current home at 1916 is original. The variance will allow this to view to remain.

The variance will also require that any new home, such as the one proposed by Ms. Oelschlager or a future builder, will have a smaller view from the street because of the narrowing of the lot per the variance. This will cause any home to be less intrusive on the block. Current setback requirements for the lot will remain the same, allowing adequate spacing from the current home and from the home to the east.

While the variance is independent of the house design, we feel that the proposed house design does suggest that Ms. Oelschlager is developing a home that is in accordance with the block in both design and materials and will not be intrusive. As she has been in the neighborhood for 20 years and is proposing to remain in the new home, it shows her commitment to retaining the neighborhood.

We can empathize with the loss of the open feeling of the directly adjacent neighbor and across-the-street neighbors, but that has been a gift to all of them supported by the 1916 Fairmount owner's payment of taxes.

In summary, we wish to support the variance as granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals and that the necessary permits be granted for building on the vacant lot.

Thank you for your consideration.



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