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Cc: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul)

Subject: support for student rental ordinance

Dear Council members,

I am writing to endorse the proposed Ordinance relating to limiting new student rentals.

I have lived on 2129 Lincoln for 14 years. We love this area. My block only has a few rentals and therefore, has been able to live together relatively peacefully. However, I have listened for years to neighbors on Grand, where there were only 2 owner-occupied houses, and they experienced repeated problems with noise, poor behavior and parking.

On the next block of Lincoln, they too have had numerous issues, from annoying to frightening (drunken students appearing at the door late at night); and I have noted that these started as the number of student rentals grew. This experience, though anecdotal, is gathered over 14 years and shows that the increase in density of student rentals is a key contributor to causing quality of life, traffic and safety issues.

The trend in increased density of student rentals is unfortunately not over without some action by the City. That is why I support the Ordinance. Zoning is one of the few tools we have to manage our urban environment and I urge the City to pass the Ordinance.

Sure, I knew the University was right next door and I would always have student neighbors, but when I bought here, I was told what a great neighborhood this is for families. That's what I want to see remain – a balanced neighborhood with all generations – and not a move to a “ghetto” area of concentrated rentals.

I feel this ordinance helps prevent that and that is why I support it.

Sincerely,

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