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To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Appeal to variance for lot lines

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

I am a resident of Ward 3, and I am writing to express my surprise at the actions of the Board of Zoning Appeals. As you know, a recent decision was made to allow a lot to be split, and the line creating the two new lots is not straight. While I can imagine that there might be important reasons for such a decision in some theoretical cases, this does not appear to be one of them: it is based on the preference of the homebuilder on one of the lots.

I support the Mac Groveland Community Council's recommendation that variance be denied, and I was surprised, especially in this climate of controversy about building decisions in neighborhood lots, that this request was approved. I hope that the neighbors' appeal will be granted. I am sure that the building design can be modified in a creative way to conform to a typical lot.

If such a variance is allowed to gain approval in this situation, what stops other unusual splits from occurring in the future, against the recommendations of the Community Council and the official criteria for granting variances. I do hope you will take this issue seriously and will speak against this decision/for the neighbors' appeal.

Thank you for your attention,
Best,
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