

Hello Council,

I'm writing to encourage you to support the proposed rezoning of the Bandana Boulevard ramp parcels to enable the construction of more housing in our city.

Since the City of Saint Paul adopted strict zoning regulations in the mid-1970s, it has been exceedingly difficult to build housing in Saint Paul. Most residential sections of the city only permit single-family homes by right. This results in housing developers and city staff and volunteer boards (the BZA, the Planning Commission) wasting ample time and money arguing over the worthiness of individual housing projects. We need to reform our zoning code to permit more types of multi-family housing throughout our city by right. In the meantime, we need to approve great projects like this one when they are presented to us.

The Energy Park Drive corridor is ripe for conversion from a light industrial area into a Traditional Neighborhood zone and transit-oriented development, much like the Creative Enterprise Zone. These lots in particular are a short walk from Como Regional Park and from the 3b and 83 bus routes. With greater residential density along the corridor, it could become viable for neighborhood-focused businesses to set up shop in Bandana Square.

Thanks,

Luke Hanson
Macalester-Groveland

Hi,

I would vote against this. I feel it will cause a lot of problems for us homeowners and for the Hotel and Clinic. I hope this does not go through as it will not be good for our community and there must be other places that make more sense for this to happen.

Again I vote against this from happening.

Thanks
Paul Stokke