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Subject: Elimination of off-street Parking Requirements
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Dear Council members,

I am very strongly against eliminating minimum off-street parking requirements for new developments.

I think it is wishful thinking to think that developers will provide lower rents in residential buildings or that businesses will charge less

for their goods if they do not have to provide the minimum parking spaces.

I agree with Planning Commission chair, Luis Rangel Morales, as stated in the July 7th Villager, that this raises questions of equity for low-income people.

It sends the message that if you can pay for parking somewhere in an underground lot, or on the street in front of the home you own,

you can park pretty close to where you live. Cut down the number of spaces next to an apartment building, and then what?

I know the agenda is to have less cars in St Paul.

In this case, I think you will be just using the stick without the carrot.

I think people will be even more discouraged than they are already, trying to maneuver thru the traffic in Highland, only to get

to their destination and find no parking spots.

If you are trying to get more people to shop in Eagan or stop elsewhere than in St Paul to shop, I think you've come up with a good plan.

Thank you,

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