From: Sarah Hunt

To: \*CI-StPaul Contact-Council

**Subject:** For public comment on proposed amendments via 1-4 Unit Zoning Study

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## Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Sarah Hunt, I'm a homeowner in Ward 3 / Highland Park neighborhood, and I'm an advocate for housing justice in St. Paul, with thanks to the East Side Freedom Library for continuing to educate and organize folks like me to engage. I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed amendments stemming from Phase One of the 1-4 unit infill study. I believe they will be a step in the right direction towards housing justice, because St. Paul needs more housing and more *types* of housing to support a wider variety of family and household structures, aging adults and their caregivers, and people of all incomes.

I also want to urge you to go much further in Phase Two of the 1-4 unit infill study later this year, by legalizing duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhomes, cluster developments, and other Missing Middle Housing options in all residential areas of the city. Doing so will remove barriers that prevent regular people living in St. Paul from participating in development; accessing a greater variety of residential models for making a home and caring for one another, including intergenerationally; and building community wealth. This includes amending zoning rules to allow people to convert existing homes into multiple dwellings. I believe that making it easier to build more housing in the 'missing middle' is one of many policy solutions we need now toward repairing the race and class disparities that are reinforced by Single-Family-only zoning and responding to St. Paul's affordable housing crisis.

Thank you for your leadership toward St. Paul being a home for many more people in our community.

Take care.

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