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Subject: Zoning change for 115 Plato Blvd

As a Saint Paul citizen of the West Side, who was raised in the Como Park and Frogtown neighborhoods, I understand how people may not recognize the natural beauty of the city views from the West Side. If you always live on the "flatlands" of Saint Paul, high rise apartments and buildings don't seem like a big deal.

As an example, I suggest you really take a look at the city from Prescott street, starting at Woodbury and walk toward Oakdale. You have a view of Mounds Park, the airport, the East Side, all of downtown----until you get to Mt Hope---and the view is only of a high rise senior living building. Short sighted planning didn't think a high rise would be a big deal. Once the building heights are not a factor, any view from the West Side bluffs will never be reclaimed.

Approving the zoning change to T3 for 115 Plato is a good thing. Developing the land between Lafayette and the Lilydale Park is a good thing. What is not a good thing, is ignoring height concerns on this land.

Please add a restriction for this and future construction to be no more than 50 feet in total height. You can "move on" from your decisions, but the residents of the West Side have to live with it forever.

thank you

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