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Dear Council Member,

Hello my name is Johnnie Mclaurin I am a current homeowner on the greater Eastside of Saint Paul for 15 Yrs now I'm actually 10 minutes away from the Hillcrest area so let's start with the 2040 Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan for which I totally agree .1st a truly walkable neighborhood is one where u can get in and out of the neighborhood without a car, so walkable neighborhood's are also becoming increasingly popular in the Real Estate market reports show from the National Association of Realtors reports that 62% of millennials the generation fast becoming the face of homeownership so a walkable neighborhood signifies positive changes in a community's urban planning . 2nd findings from the National Health and Nutrition reports show that 16%of people sit down for 6hours a day clearly not getting enough physical activity, So a walking neighborhood promotes good health for example people who live in a u walkable neighborhood are less active and are more prone to possibly develop chronic diseases,so a walkable community can create a environment conducive for everyone's health. 3rd a walkable neighborhood can directly boost property value and I think we all can at least agree on that one...The list goes on and on about why Industrial is the wrong way to go in the Hillcrest Location, (1) Initial Cost (2) Energy Consumption (3) Pollution (4) Loss of Jobs for Unskilled Workers (5) Inventory Build Up (6) Unhealthy Habits (7) Lack of Uniqueness and the list goes on for hours and hours so lets put a hold on the irreversible Construction of this Industrial plan thats not suitable to our Eastside Neighborhood.

Please don't squander this opportunity. SPPA's current Master plan isn't the only solution. And most certainly not the best.

Hold off voting on zoning changes that would allow the current plan to move forward.

We need an alternate solution that more closely follows Saint Paul's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. One that includes community priorities, keeps the natural topography as an asset and is the highest, best use of the property.

Stop looking at the Eastside as it is, but as you dream it could be.

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