As a 25 year resident of the Summit University neighborhood, a long time co-op member, and someone who works only a few blocks from the market, I urge you to approve the rezoning of 633 Hague from RM2 to B2 to accommodate an expansion of the Mississippi Market parking lot.

The Mississippi Market co-op is truly a destination point for everyone in our neighborhood and for many outside it. As neighbors, we fought the vacation of Hague when the co-op was built, and still feel that was the right decision, but parking is definitely a problem. Additional parking should make traffic into and out of the co-op parking lot flow more smoothly and keep it safer for pedestrians.

The co-op has shown itself to be sensitive to the diverse needs of the neighborhood and has been an excellent and environmentally conscious neighbor, planting beautiful flower gardens and drainage beds to improve the parking areas. I know they will continue to provide this kind of thoughtfulness and consideration to any improvements they are able to undertake.

Thank you for passing this on to all concerned parties.

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