

PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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April 4, 2012

Zoning Committee
City of Saint Paul
City Hall – 15 Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN

Re: Rezoning of 656 and 660 Wells street and a portion of 870 Payne Avenue from RT-2 to VP

Dear Chair and Members of the Saint Paul Zoning Committee:

The Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council strongly recommends this rezoning of parcels to permit new parking at 656, 660 Wells and a portion of 879 Payne Avenue. The District Council has voiced public support for efforts to obtain adequate parking to support local commercial development. The Council has worked with business partners, CDCs and City staff to find solutions to parking needs. This is an excellent use of these parcels and will create an asset in the neighborhood.

The District Five Community Planning & Economic Development Committee (CPED) has voted unanimously to offer its strongest support for this rezoning issue. The changes fit with area plans to deepen commercial corridors when suitable parcels become available. District Five welcomes new businesses to the area and we seek to develop the amenities to support and retain businesses on Payne Avenue.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We thank you for your support of this application.

Sincerely,



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