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To: Stark, Russ (CI-StPaul); Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul)

Cc: Rachel Westermeyer

Subject: Email letter with attached WSNAC Resolution supporting The Student Housing Ordinance

Dear Russ and City Council Members,

The attached resolution supporting the Student Housing Neighborhood Impact Overlay District was approved by a 6-3 vote at the April 11, 2012 board meeting of the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee, following a presentation by city planner, Joshua Williams. We submit this resolution for your review as the City Council considers the Student Housing Neighborhood Impact Overlay District ordinance.

We thank you for your continuing support for our neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

WHEREAS, the St. Paul Comprehensive Land Use Plan calls for sustaining the character of Saint Paul's existing single-family neighborhoods like those covered in the proposed Student Housing Neighborhood Impact Overlay District ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Macalester-Groveland Community Plan likewise calls for maintaining the single-family character of the District;

WHEREAS, the Merriam Park Community Plan (incorporated now into Union Park) also calls for maintaining the area as one of predominantly owner-occupied single-family homes, while supporting opportunities for new rentals;

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance would be conducive to creating and maintaining a livable neighborhood for all – students, homeowners, and college/university personnel;

WHEREAS, the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC) has adopted the Louis Smith Report and its Findings and Conclusions with respect to tipping points and neighborhood sustainability;

WHEREAS, the Louis Smith tipping point finding reflects and supports resident comments over the years;

WHEREAS, WSNAC agrees the proposed ordinance is only one tool, that, in conjunction with other wonderful initiatives such as recent student initiatives, will keep our neighborhood vital;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that WSNAC supports the Student Housing Neighborhood Impact Overlay District Ordinance as proposed in a March 26, 2012 letter to the Neighborhood Committee of the Planning Commission.