Dear City Council Members,

We are not in favor of the city granting VOA the variance they are requesting. There is a very high concentration of public and transitional housing in the area already. Beyond that, we are missing a great opportunity for more jobs if it is used as industrial property.

We have lived in the North End for over 50 years and it has always been a working class neighborhood, but we have never been witness to the grinding poverty all around here now. Please do something to revitalize this area, please give people hope!

Kind Regards,

Bill& Mary Mueller

Dear Council Members, I am sending this email in hopes that you will not allow the VOA to increase the number of beds from 16 to 74. The city ordinance allows for 16. The jump to 74, is I feel really out of line.

This plan for the property, I feel really goes against the District 6 Comprehensive plan and the intent of the Arlington/Jackson plan.

It will not create the jobs that an Industrial site would, and further more it removes the land from property taxes.

This area has an over concentration of public housing and unemployment and poverty. Is it really in the best interest of the people who live in this area to add more of the same?

Thank you for your time in reading my concerns,

Sincerely, Jean Brannigan Lynch 70 Jessamine Ave East Saint Paul, Mn 55117