



District 6 Planning Council

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District 6 Planning Council can understand streamlining a process however; District 6 Planning Council does not support a change in the number of property owners required for a petition.

Ideally properties should conform to the current zoning code and as a large city, Saint Paul should be focusing on eliminating non-conforming uses, not make it easier to obtain.

Neighborhoods need the opportunity to have input on developments, especially when the property will be used in a way it traditionally would not be used, ergo the need for a non-conforming use permit.

To take the required signatures from two-thirds to a simple majority as well as limiting the number required, takes away the neighbor's right to weigh in on what they feel is best for their neighborhood.

Thank-you and if you have questions, please feel free to contact the office at the numbers above.

Regards,

Jeff Martens

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