

From: Ingrid Christensen
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 8:17:41 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Shepard-Davern Project

Dear Councilmember Stark:

I write to ask you for your support of the proposed mixed-use development at 1475 Davern Street. This is a critically important project that would benefit Saint Paul. This project is an example of the kind of investment that we want in Saint Paul. It is a mixed-use development that offers new housing amenities, increased commercial opportunities, and will expand Saint Paul's tax base.

While I understand the project needs variances from height restrictions in the zoning code, I believe the proposed height is consistent with the city's comprehensive plan and similarly situated neighboring structures. I also believe that the new building will have minimal visual impact on the river valley and will not have a significant visual impact on scenic viewpoints or from adjacent structures. It is also important to keep in mind that the Minnesota DNR is in the process of creating new rules that will soon permit buildings similar in height to the one proposed in this location. Accordingly, I ask that you reject FMR's appeal and allow this important project to move forward.

Sincerely,

Ingrid