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Subject: OGaras

I am a resident of St. Paul. I am urging you to require OGaras to increase the amount of affordable units in their building. Concentrating more high end apartments in a high end neighborhood without the inclusion of more low-income units forces further shifts in where low and high income residents live. Our city needs equal services and opportunities for all citizens. Little decisions, such as allowing more concentrated wealth in a neighborhood, makes it harder for low-income residents to transcend barriers that keep them in low-income neighborhoods. I shouldn't need to point out that people of color are disproportionately impacted by a decision such as this one, furthering racial segregation to certain neighborhoods. When almost all new low-income housing is developed in low-income neighborhoods (e.g., most of the developments along the green line, excluding west of 280) and new high-end developments, such as OGaras, Whole Foods, much of the Ford plant redevelopment, you are supporting further separation between income classes. Please force OGaras to have more low-income housing (~15 percent).

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