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SAINT PAUL AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

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City of Saint Paul  
15 Kellogg Blvd. West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Councilmembers:

On behalf of the St. Paul Area Association of REALTORS® (SPAAR) and its Board of Directors, please accept this letter as our official response to the proposed ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) city-wide.

Based on a unanimous vote of the SPAAR's Government Affairs Committee on July 31, 2018, SPAAR is pleased to support the proposed amendments to Chapters 65 and 66 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code to allow for ADUs city-wide.

To best accommodate Saint Paul's increasing population and need for housing, innovative ideas – such as the allowed use of ADUs throughout the city – are part of the solution. Allowing for property owners to have an ADU on their property, if certain requirements are met, will help address the need for more housing units in the city, while giving homeowners more options for how to best use their land.

We appreciate the hard work done by the City Council, planning commission, and staff to conduct a full study into the impacts of the proposed ordinance changes. SPAAR looks forward to engaging with Saint Paul on future policies that will help residents meet their housing needs.

As a part of the larger strategy to address the dire need for more housing in Saint Paul, this change will help increase the housing options for current and future residents of Saint Paul, protect the rights of property owners to use their land to its fullest potential, encourage and accommodate the future growth of the City of Saint Paul, and promote homeownership throughout the city.

Sincerely,

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President, SPAAR

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Government Affairs Chair, SPAAR

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