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Subject: SARPA President registering comment on 1524 Summit Avenue

Council President Brendmoen,

I am against granting the historical use variance for 1524 Summit Avenue which will be an item up for comment today following the city council meeting.

Granting the variance will open Pandora's box and usher in a new era of commercial businesses on Summit Avenue, something our residents more than a century ago fought against when they established Summit Avenue as a special restricted residential zone in 1916.

As the current SARPA President, I feel a heavy responsibility right now to educate residents, city council members, all who enjoy Summit Avenue as a special destination. Who doesn't enjoy a long walk in the summer along our urban, park-like historic residential street. Come autumn, there is no better place to take a slow drive down the avenue to enjoy the fall colors, or winter light displays. This will slowly erode if commercial businesses are allowed to establish their foothold on the avenue.

The Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association has a long history of protecting Summit Avenue. Mayor George Latimer commissioned our advocacy association in 1986, but the work of protecting Summit Avenue started long before. In 1916, shortly after the Minnesota State Legislature passed a law allowing first class cities to establish residential districts, **the city of St. Paul created a single and double family zoning district along Summit Avenue from Selby to the Mississippi River.**

Please keep the big picture thinking that our previous residents had in 1916 and vote against granting the historic-use variance for 1524 Summit Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

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