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April 23, 2019

Councilmember Dai Thao
310-A City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Councilmember Thao,

I am writing on behalf of the Summit-University Planning Council to express our concern regarding the proposed amendment to Section 8.03 of the City Charter.

It reads:

*"...the city clerk shall match the name, address, and year of birth from the petition to the corresponding voter record for each person signing the petition. Any signature for which the city clerk cannot **match** this information **must** be rejected."*

The language in this proposed amendment would result in the disenfranchisement of members of our community, in particular those who have recently moved or are experiencing housing instability.

We hope that you do not support this change to the charter, and that you encourage the rest of City Council to do the same.

The Summit-University Planning Council voted unanimously to oppose the amendment to Section 8.03 of the City Charter at the April 23 Board meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Jens Werner
Executive Director
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