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Hello St. Paul City Council,

I am writing to oppose the sound level variance request of Kraus Anderson Construction Company. I understand that they will need to make some noise in order to build their apartment complex, but they need to consider that this is a residential area, and the noise of this construction will be a stressful disruption to the residents' daily lives. Everyone is under an incredible amount of stress due to the pandemic, and asking the residents in this area to tolerate possibly 10 hours of noise starting at 7am every business day is not only inconsiderate; it's inhumane. People are working from home, or they are jobless, or they are caring for their children at home. It's winter, and we are in the middle of a pandemic. We are home, and there is nowhere to escape to. I am requesting that the construction noises do not begin any earlier than 9am. While even this is early for me, I think this is a fair compromise.

On a personal note, I have been home recovering from Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, which is Shingles of the inner ear, since mid-November. RHS has given me chronic vertigo, unilateral facial palsy, and fatigue. Needless to say, contracting this rare disease has been devastating to me. I still have months of recovery ahead of me, and I need more sleep than usual in order to function. I am unable to work until I have recovered, which is affecting my income. Waking up to construction noises at 7am every day will deprive me of sleep, and increase my level of stress, which will only prolong my recovery. I hope they understand what a detriment their noise will be to me, and please consider beginning the construction later in the day.

Thank you,  
Grace