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To: [CouncilHearing \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
Subject: Sound Level Variance, Kraus Anderson & Ramsey, 2383 University Apartments
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The Security Building, built in 1910, is recognized by the HPC as a significant contributor to the University-Raymond Commercial Historic District. It has been owned by my family for nearly 40 years and we continue to operate it as traditional mixed-use building offering retail, offices, and apartments.

The impact on our building and the people in it during the past two months of construction has been dramatic. When driving piles, the noise level has been high enough that conversations and telephone calls in the offices are impossible. The same applies to residents in their apartments, trying to work from home due to the governor's covid orders. Related to the noise levels, vibrations have been high enough to knock items off of shelves throughout the building, while rattling windows and fixtures. I worry about damages caused by the vibrations, both cosmetic and structural.

The sound and vibration levels from pile driving have already been excessive and extremely disruptive, and I question if the existing limits have been respected to date. Kraus Anderson states that they are monitoring vibration levels - I believe that all sound and vibration data collected should be posted and made available to the public.

I object to granting a sound level variance when the sound level is already too high, and possibly exceeding the existing limitations.

Sincerely,

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