

## Student Overlay District

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Councilmember Thao,

I'm writing to express that I strongly oppose removing the Student Overlay District around the University of St. Thomas and increasing non-related adults living in homes to 6 people. The overlay district has been very successful in maintaining a balance of student rentals and owner-occupied homes which has resulted in a diverse and welcoming neighborhood for students, families with young children, and retirees alike, which is why I chose to move to the neighborhood 17 years ago.

In addition to several new apartment developments going up on Marshall which are specifically intended for students, removing the Student Overlay District will quickly shift the neighborhood makeup, which is already beyond a tipping point, to a neighborhood of mainly student rentals. I am already aware of neighbors who are questioning whether to make improvements to their homes and are considering leaving the neighborhood. While I love my home, living in a neighborhood predominantly made up of student rentals which will increase foot/car traffic, house parties, homes in disrepair is not at all appealing and I will likely sell. Do you really want the neighborhoods surrounding St. Thomas to look like the neighborhoods surrounding the Minneapolis campus of the U of M?

I urge you to keep the Overlay District and keep the maximum number of non-related adults to 4 per home around the University of St. Thomas.

Kind regards,

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