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Hello -

I am writing as a resident of the Hamline-Midway neighborhood, near the proposed Alatus development at Lexington and University.

I believe the Council should grant Alatus' appeal and approve the site plan as it is proposed. As a resident of the neighborhood, I am excited for this development to happen, because it will increase the type of housing stock available in the neighborhood, bring added retail space to the area, increase ridership on the Green Line, and infill a very unpleasant empty lot.

The housing market is increasingly expensive and I am sympathetic to the concerns expressed by Frogtown Neighbors Association about this project contributing to displacement of residents in the area. I believe there are many strategies the Council and the City should consider outside of this particular project that could improve the availability of affordable housing throughout St Paul: relaxed zoning regulations for projects that provide affordable housing; expansion of the City's stock of publicly-owned housing units; and advocacy at the State and Federal level to increase subsidies for affordable housing units.

I'd encourage the Council to approve this site plan, while considering the tools at the City's disposal to improve the availability of housing that will make it easier to provide more affordable housing in the future.

Thanks,  
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