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Subject: Lexington Station Apartments

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I am aware the window has closed but this was sent previously from a Microsoft account during the outage and it didn't go through. I am trying again today through this email.

**Re: Lexington Station Apartments** 

Dear Council Members,

My name is Adrian Perryman and I am writing to encourage the council to support the Planning Commission's decision to deny the Lexington Station Apartments site plan. As a member of the St Paul Planning Commission, I wasn't planning to write a letter in hopes that our message would be communicated clearly, without edits. That has not been the case. Our decision and the reasons behind it have been misconstrued by some, including city staff and former commissioners.

I would like to highlight the letter you received from Commissioner Simon Taghioff. His analysis of the design and layout was something that we asked of the city staff. We had to request a meeting, multiple times, to try and get some assistance. We are not lawyers or zoning code experts and we were told that the city staff would assist us through the process. Days before the vote we were told that no such meeting would happen so we had to push back again. Even when the meeting occurred, it was used to try and dissuade us from our action. This and multiple other instances have made me believe that the city is making decisions for profit and not for people. Whether it is out of fear of legal action or the goal of tax dollars, the money involved has silenced the voices and campaign promises of many involved.

I don't feel that that what I have seen properly represents the city that I was born and raised in. This is the chance to show what the City of St Paul stands for. Denying this site plan is the city's chance to show the people that they matter. The empty lot is doing less harm than this development will. This development isn't our only option.

Thank you for your time,

Adrian Perryman

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