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Please suspend the new supportive housing licensing and do better to protect our communities.

Supportive housing was designed to be small in scale for residents to be absorbed back into the community.

Instead what has occurred; too many people struggling with addiction and/or mental illness in larger complexes in close proximately thus putting too much pressure on the neighborhood to absorb creating a failing neighborhood.

Cub grocery store on University in the Midway/Merriam Park is a prime example of what can happen in a community when too many citizens that struggle with addiction and/or mental health illness are congregated in one area. It's a lose of over $2 million dollars to one business and a prime grocery store for the entire community.

For supportive and sober housing to work, it needs to follow the proper models: small scale, no more than 16 beds/occupants, proper licensing and inspections, separation from others in the community- more separation is needed than the current oridance, full time staff, proper security, access to resources, an action plan that the residents are currently working towards for the residents to be main streamed and an agreement with the community.

The current model the City of St. Paul allows for supportive housing is a failure. Providing unhoused people housing without any of these measures and expecting their behaviors to change or trauma to get better simply doesn't work.

How many communities and businesses need to fall before the city of St. Paul amends their policies and ordinances?

For all of us, please do better.

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