

September 27, 2025

Legislative Hearing Office 15 Kellogg Blvd. W. 310 City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: 1591 University Ave W (CVS site at University & Snelling)

The Union Park District Council is writing to support either demolition or complete abatement of the former CVS site.

This poorly maintained and vacant property is a nuisance and blight on this high potential use location. It is a barrier to economic development and attracts and encourages bad behavior.

The current conditions have been allowed to persist for far too long and have held back growth and redevelopment in this neighborhood. This site deserves better stewardship and participation in the betterment of this community. As is, this property represents a burden and tax on its neighbors by encouraging increased crime, general business malaise, lower customer traffic, and reduced property values.

We encourage the City to finally act on this long standing problem and help Saint Paul be "open for business" at this location.

Thank you,

Sarah Dvorak
Union Park District Council Board President