

Comments Submitted to Ward 5 RE: Familiar Faces proposal for Marshall Ave

From: Cheryl Peterson <ckp251@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 1:26 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Familiar Faces City Owned Housing

Dear Councilperson Kim,

As a supporter of ISAIAH I am urging you to support the allocation of HUD funding to the proposed Familiar Faces proposal for Marshall Avenue.

I have been given a script to follow but I will say it in my own words. As a wealthy person living on the poor side of town I see how my fellow rich people constantly shift their moral and community responsibilities for low income folks to struggling areas of the Twin Cities including Payne Phalen. It is as old as time for wealthy areas to throw their weight and power around to protect them from poor people. If I had a dime for every progressive who tried to connect with me by saying that they wished their neighborhood was as diverse as mine... They don't want diversity plain and simple. They want to put a yard sign out and consider their job is done as far as working toward justice.

We will be so much stronger as a city if we spread the amenities and disparities around instead of concentrating them in certain areas.

Sincerely,

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From: debdavenido@everyactionadvocacy.com <debdavenido@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 10:08 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please support Familiar Faces city-owned housing

Dear Council Vice President Hwajeong Kim,

I am a leader with ISAIAH, and I am writing to support the allocation of HUD funding to the proposed Familiar Faces project on Marshall Avenue at your meeting on December 11th, 2024.

In St. Paul, we believe in giving each other a helping hand when we're down and out. That means coming together to make sure everyone in our city has a safe, stable place to call home — no exceptions. In 2023, we came together as voters and elected our current City Council confident they would deliver on this very vision.

We need to embrace smart, evidence-based strategies that save lives and give our neighbors a chance to recover and find stable footing. When we come together, we can make St. Paul a place where everyone

has the support and stable housing they need to not only survive, but thrive. Can I count on you to vote YES on this resolution on December 11th?

Sincerely,

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From: nancykstr@everyactionadvocacy.com <nancykstr@everyactionadvocacy.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 11:08 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Please support Familiar Faces city-owned housing

Dear Council Vice President Hwajeong Kim,

I live in St. Paul, Ward 5, and I am writing to support the allocation of HUD funding to the proposed Familiar Faces project on Marshall Avenue at your meeting on December 11th, 2024.

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Now, the wealthy few are trying to divide us by our struggles and spread fear about our neighbors in the hopes we will squander the opportunity to build city-owned supportive housing in St. Paul. They want to maintain the status quo and dictate who does and doesn't belong in our city. We refuse to let them.

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Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Nancy Koester

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