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Matt,

I hope you vote to end rent control in St Paul. We need to get rid of it so that we can bring investors back to projects in St Paul. We need to develop housing in St Paul and in my neighborhood so we can welcome more residents here. I live two blocks from Raymond & University and there are plenty of parking lots here and underutilized one-story buildings that can be replaced with high density housing projects. We can't do any of this with rent control. Economists, local developers, and many current and former community leaders have spoken up to get rid of rent control. I hope you will join the reasoned group and help to get rid of it.

Regarding tenant protections, to the extent you can do anything, I strongly suggest that you and the city consult with attorneys specializing in this area who are external to the city government to find out what is legally possible before you draft anything. As you saw from Mitra's failed tenant protections ordinance, the judicial system may not (likely won't) see attempts to protect tenants as legally permissible from the landlord side. You/Mitra/the city didn't do this last time and it cost a lot of people time and money. It is time for symbolism and virtue signaling to end and we need to be reasonable and practical people and run this city. Empty messages directed at certain constituencies are harmful.

Please be reasonable.

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