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Here is a comment on the St Paul matter for the file.

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Hello Alderman Bauman,

I am writing in support of this file. I have read the opposition to this and respect their opinions about allowing residential development within the Valley. However, while reading these opinions, I noticed that everyone in the opposition bemoaned the blighted state of the building and that it had been vacant for 40 years. But my question is: What's the alternative? This is a real proposal to breathe life back into a blighted building that is visibly blighted from the freeway. If this is rejected, how long will we have to wait until the next proposal comes about? I very much doubt that such a proposal will manifest before the building either falls down or is razed as a result of neglect. I don't see any of the opposition volunteering to restore the building and putting it to use. Besides this, at an earlier point in our history, there was much more residential in the valley than there is now. The residents of those homes had a short commute to work. And they liked their homes in that time, despite it being so much more polluted than it is now. It also used to be much easier to travel between the neighborhoods north of the valley and the valley via foot back when there were many more bridges that spanned the former rapid transit ROW. In short, I support this file because I don't think there's another way this building can be restored.

Thanks,  
Cade